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FIESTA PLANNED FOR PHILIPS CUP DAY

INSIDE:

NO MERCY

Australian-bred star Craig Johnston can expect the toughest possible regimen at Liverpool, a club ruthlessly geared for success.

In an outfit where even internationals are thrown overboard the moment their form falters, Johnston will come under the brilliant Bob Paisley.

This and many other news — page 2.

'81 TITLE

In our humble view, the 1981 will be won by...well, you'd better read it.

In a special feature we show how teams in the PSL usually fare over the last 10 rounds and what these trends indicate.

Check — on page 9 — if your guess corresponds with ours...

NSW RECORD

A 33-year-old fellow by the name of Dez (Dezso) Marton is the first in years to threaten the great Herbert Ninaus' NSW goal-scoring record.

In 1960 Ninaus, spearheading Prague, got an amazing 46 goals that year.

Now Marton stands on 32 — and has a chance of reaching that mark — as we show on page 11.

TOM'S BLAST

Tommy Docherty had a few unkind things to say about Aussie soccer in a London paper.

But were they really unkind — or were they uncomfortably close to the truth?

Anyway — is there a solution to soccer's problems and can we find them through the time-honored (and worn) methods? — See Pressbox, page 12.

The ASF plans a Lucullan feast for Cup final day in Canberra.

An International Food and Wine Fair will be held in Bruce Stadium the day the Philips Cup final is played there in late September.

Food and wine stalls representing the 16 World Youth Cup finalists — plus some other countries such as Greece and Hungary — will be set up on the warm-up pitch on the morning of the big day and serviced until kick-off time.

The manager of the Philips League, Paul Kemp has drawn up elaborate plans for the occasion, waiting for the ASF's approval.

There won't be a curtain-raiser before the Cup final: who wouldn't prefer some yummy moussaka with a glass of Tokaj wine to a meaningless meandering by bored players on the pitch?

To add to the spirit of the occasion, various ethnic groups will stage non-stop entertainment at the ground: folk dancing, singing and a massed choir are planned.

Paul Kemp believes that the Cup final and other attractions could draw a crowd of 25,000 or more to the splendor of Bruce Stadium.

"Canberra used to have such a food and wine fair, always attracting very big crowds, and we want to re-create this on Cup final day," he said.

It's possible that the match will be staged at night — if the stadium's floodlighting system is finished by then.

They are erecting four huge towers at Bruce, two of them 60 metres and the other two 50 metres in height.

They will be ready for a World Youth Cup match on October 8 — but may just miss out on the September Cup deadline.

Paul Kemp said the PSL will organise packaged tours by rail and bus to Canberra for fans from Melbourne, Sydney, Newcastle, Wollongong and perhaps other cities.

However, there is one big hitch: there is no firm date yet for the Philips Cup final.

Originally it was set down for September 20 but this may clash with the NSW Grand Final and the Victorian Dockerty Cup final.

As the match from Canberra will be televised to most States, the PSL — in accordance

with its agreement with the various Federations — is dutybound to avoid a head-on collision with local schedules.

If the September 20 date is scrapped, the new date will be September 27.

ONE HOUSEMAN STILL TO COME

Some Sydney City fans begin to believe that Marcelo Houseman is held as a hostage in Sydney until his famous brother, Rene, turns up...

Marcelo arrived last week but alone. Rene, it was believed, had to wait in New York to have his Argentinian passport renewed for travel to Australia.

Now the latest is that from New York Rene returned home to Buenos Aires to settle some domestic details.

He was scheduled to leave on Tuesday and, through New York, Los Angeles and Honolulu, arrive in Sydney at 9am on Friday.

Even if he does arrive on Friday, he will be merely introduced to the fans at the Athletic Field on Sunday, after his long travel.

Then he can go to the Hakoah club and redeem his captured brother, Marcelo...



Olympic's talented young Mark Koussas in Sunday's battle with Canberra.

LES STICKS TO WELL WORN PATH

With Australia's World Cup chances hanging on hope and prayer, national coach Les Scheinflug has decided to keep the nucleus of the previous squad for the match against Fiji later this month.

Only two possibilities remain for Australia to win the group:

1. Fiji to beat New Zealand, in Auckland;

2. FIFA, through the Asian Confederation, to bar New Zealand because of the South African Springbok tour there starting this month.

If either of these happens — and if Australia wins its remaining matches in Suva, Taipei and Jakarta — we will reach the World Cup finals.

Some "ifs..."

In a way, it's interesting that Scheinflug has so loyally stuck to players despite their disappointing form stretching back many months.

No doubt Cole, Jankovics, Katholos, Krncevic, Niven and even Sharne feel grateful for having been retained.

At the same time, Scheinflug has followed Gutendorf's policy of bypassing Phil O'Connor, Joe Watson, Peter Tredinnick and Martyn Crook, all in brilliant form.

If there is a better wing pair in Australia than the O'Connor-Tredinnick duo we have yet to see them.



A welcome addition to the squad is Canberra's speedy, skilful and powerful Tony Brennan who can play anywhere up front.

Six of Australia's national youth team have been added to the Soccer squad.

Steve Blair, Rob Wheatley and David Mitchell have been joined in the squad of 22 by Glen Ahearn, Ian Hunter and Peter Raskopoulos.

Australia's World Cup committee confirmed

last weekend that it will pursue a policy of seeking maximum experience for the younger players before the FIFA Youth World championships in Australia in October.

The Australian Soccer Federation executive also approved plans to include members of the youth team in the World Cup squad as part of a long-range buildup for the 1986 World Cup.

"It is not intended to send the entire youth team away, but if New Zealand beats Fiji to tie up the Oceania zone, we will certainly look at bringing more of the younger players into the team for our remaining matches against Indonesia and Taiwan," ASF secretary Brian Le Fevre said.

"A number of senior players will be chosen to use their experience and to guide the younger players in their matches."

"The ASF also hopes to organise an extra match for the youth players on the last leg in

September when we travel to Taiwan," he said.

The Australian squad is: Allan Maher, Greg Ahearn, Greg Woodhouse, Murray Barnes, Steve Blair, Gary Byrne, Tony Brennan, Ken Boden, Gary Cole, Alan Davidson, Tony Henderson, Mark Jankovics, Ian Hunter, Peter Katholos, Eddie Krncevic, John Kosmina, David Mitchell, Alan Niven, Peter Raskopoulos, Rob Russell, Peter Sharne, Rob Wheatley.



Sharne



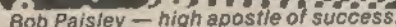
Woodhouse

- Borussia Dortmund will play their Bundesliga matches on Friday evenings instead of Saturday afternoons; on Fridays they average 5,000 more fans.

There is no room for sentiment. Nobody is

a better job. Clemence is taking no chances, knowing that his World

Roger Hunt, England's 1966 World Cup striker, was filled with bitterness the night he was sub-



It said: "Christ is coming to Liverpool". Quick as a flash, the supporter produced a pen and scrawled: "We'll move St.John to inside-left."

"At some clubs a player is nursed through a dodgy time, but you don't get that at Anfield. A struggling player is endangering the whole script. So he has to make way. There are always the resources available to make this feasible."

Jordan's contract with United ended recently and he became a free agent, entitled to talk terms with any club in-

"We won't know exactly how much A.C. Milan will have to pay us until later but it is all worked out in the regulations."

- The German club Hamburg now demand — and get — \$70,000 for a friendly match. Plus expenses.

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PREVIEW OF PSL

PHILIPS SOCCER LEAGUE

STILL HOPING



Kambas

With neither team noted for its goal-scoring prowess, this could turn out to be a tense affair, decided by a single lucky shot.

Wollongong's well organised rearguard and midfield are likely to hold their own — and it will be up to their ailing strikers to snatch a goal.

West Adelaide's precious victory last Sunday gives them some sort of a hope in their fight against relegation.

However, they will find it tough to gain even a point here unless youngster Lorenzini retains his golden touch.

Our tip: Wollongong 1-0.

NEW TANDEM



Hazabent

Sydney City commit an enormous mistake if they under-rate the talented, polished — and desperate Footscray.

True, the Slickers are heading towards yet another title; also true, they have a classy, balanced and enterprising side.

But Footscray can be extremely dangerous if left to work their intricate patterns.

The new Lujic-Verweij attacking tandem seems to click and Sydney City will have to be close to their best to avoid an unpleasant upset.

Our tip: Sydney City 3-1.

OLYMPIC DOWN



Olympic defender Ian Rowden (left) with Ian Gibson of Canberra in Sunday's clash at Pratten Park.



Canberra's Duncan Cole (right) loses a duel against Olympic's Peter Katholos.

STRUGGLERS



Housseini

Marconi suffered a surprising relapse last week; Olympic have continued their downward slide; which of the two will use the occasion to do a Lazarus on Sunday?

Marconi can now forget about the championship; they are likely to finish somewhere in the middle, in a tight pack.

Olympic, meanwhile, need a few more straight defeats to find themselves close to the bottom.

Neither team is in an awe-inspiring form; neither could score a single goal last Sunday, yet this match could explode into unexpected, lively action with some goals, too.

Our tip: Marconi 3-2.

TALL POPPIES



Xanthopoulos

Some of the tall poppies are making South Melbourne's garden fairly unsettled and this shows in their recent results.

All of a sudden the goals have dried up and the team's challenge for the title is petering out.

Leichhardt, an extremely fit and competitive team, goes into the match with a chance.

If O'Connor's arm injury heals by Sunday, he could shake the slow South Melbourne defence to pieces.

Our tip: Leichhardt 2-1.

OLLIE OUT



Senkalski

Preston, rebuilt on the move, will seek both points in this clash to drift further away from the bottom.

They will feel the absence of the suspended Ollerton but perhaps not sufficiently to falter at home.

Newcastle haven't scored a single goal since the departure of Channon, proving again just what a boon the England striker was to their side.

Preston look the slightly stronger team on paper though they, too, often fail in the scoring department.

Our tip: Preston 1-0.

THIN RANKS



R. O'Shea

Not without some outside chance for the title — mathematically, if not logically — Canberra need a win against Heidelberg to keep up their momentum.

However, with their ranks depleted through transfers and injuries, Canberra may soon have problems fielding a full and fit team.

Heidelberg are now certain to struggle through 1981 without a major revival: McKendry's recall couldn't undo all the damage of earlier months.

The transferred Bannon, the injured Tansey and the bypassed Bozikas and Taylor have shaken the cohesion of the team almost beyond repair.

Our tip: Canberra 2-1.

DERBY

For the first time this season, Lions have nudged slightly ahead of Brisbane City on the table and this augurs well for the big local derby.

Brisbane City's title hopes — if they were ever real — are fast evaporating while the Lions are steadily moving into a highly respectable position.

But form means little when these two clash, with the home ground advantage going to Brisbane City.

Our tip: 1-1 draw.

CARELESSLY



Wyndoruc

Not for the first time, Adelaide City's title challenge is carelessly folding up.

Even with super-star Fashanu in their ranks, they have managed to retain their charming inconsistency, their traditional weakness.

Blacktown are now in deep trouble, a mere point from the bottom of the table.

The three Yugoslavs — coach Rasic and players Krstic and Djordjevic — will have to work some magic to start gathering in those life-saving points.

Our tip: Adelaide City 2-0.



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TEAM OF ROUND 21

MARICIC (Westad)	BENNETT (Lions)	WILSON (Leichhardt)	H. TREDINNICK (Newcastle)
ADAM (Wollongong)	HONEYMAN (Westad)	BARNES (Sydney City)	
WATSON (Sydney City)	MITCHELL (Adcity)	LUJIC (Footscray)	

PHILIPS LEAGUE 1981	ADELAIDE GIANTS	ADELAIDE HAWKS	BLACKTOWN DEMONS	BRISBANE GLADIATORS	BRISBANE LIONS	CANBERRA ARROWS	FOOTSCRAY EAGLES	HEIDELBERG WARRIORS	LEICHHARDT STRIKERS	MARCONI LEOPARDS	MELBOURNE GUNNERS	NEWCASTLE KB	PRESTON RAMS	SYDNEY OLYMPIANS	SYDNEY SLICKERS	WOLLONGONG WOLVES
ADELAIDE GIANTS	*			1-0	3-2	1-0	1-3	3-1		0-1		4-1	1-0	3-1	0-1	1-2
ADELAIDE HAWKS	0-3	*	2-0			1-1			1-2	2-0	0-2	0-1	4-0		1-2	0-0
BLACKTOWN DEMONS	1-5	4-0	*			2-2			0-1	0-2	2-2	1-2	0-0			0-1
BRISBANE GLADIATORS		2-1		*		0-0	2-0	1-2	0-0	4-0				3-0	2-0	1-0
BRISBANE LIONS	2-1	3-1		1-0	*	1-0	4-0		0-0	2-0	0-1	2-1	1-1			1-1
CANBERRA ARROWS	0-0	1-2	2-2	3-0		*	5-0		0-1	0-0	2-2			2-1	2-0	
FOOTSCRAY EAGLES	1-1	1-1	2-0	1-0			*	2-2	2-1	1-2	1-2		2-1		1-0	1-1
HEIDELBERG WARRIORS	1-2	2-0		2-0		1-1		*		0-0	1-2	2-3	1-0	0-1	0-3	
LEICHHARDT STRIKERS	3-0	1-0	3-2		0-0		2-0	2-2	*		1-1	2-1			0-1	1-0
MARCONI LEOPARDS	1-4	1-0		1-1	2-1	0-2		3-1		*		1-2	1-0		1-0	1-1
MELBOURNE GUNNERS	0-0		2-1		1-0		2-1	2-1		1-0	*	2-0		1-1	1-3	1-0
NEWCASTLE KB		4-2	1-1	0-2	1-1	0-1	3-0		4-1		0-0	*	4-0	1-2		1-1
PRESTON RAMS			2-3	1-1	1-1	0-1	3-0	0-2	3-1	0-0	1-1		*	3-1		
SYDNEY OLYMPIANS	3-1	3-1	1-0	1-1		0-2	0-0		1-3	2-0	2-2		2-1	*	2-2	
SYDNEY SLICKERS		1-0		1-1	1-1	3-2		1-0		5-0		4-1	2-0	5-4	*	1-0
WOLLONGONG WOLVES			1-1	0-0	1-1		2-1	3-4	1-1			0-0	2-2	3-1		*

Ken not unhappy

Wollongong coach Ken Morton is one of those unflappable; his face reveals almost the same emotions after a win or a loss.

Last Sunday, after the team's spirited display and a trifle unlucky 0-1 loss to Leichhardt, he was his controlled self.

Picking up and counting the soiled shirts, shorts and socks in the dressing room, Morton spoke of the match as if the expected had happened.

"We have our chances but can't score," he said. "Look what happened in the second half again: Fontana, Campbell and Dunleavy missed in the goalmouth.

"And then some people say we don't attack..."

Yes, he said, he was happy with his team on the whole; no, he wasn't too happy with the result. Of course not.



Ken Morton

Wollongong played quite well, fought tremendously and went down gamely.

"I think people expect a bit too much from us, really," Morton said.

"In February we were freely tipped to finish dead last and now we are panned for not winning more often."

Morton loyally defended even his two poorly performed strikers, Glen Fontana and Clive Campbell after the match.

"They caused a lot of problems for the Leichhardt defence though didn't score," he said.

"As for Tredinnick, I agree with 'Soccer World's opinion that he is one of the best wingers in the country.

"I just wonder when this will be discovered in official circles."

Ken Morton is satisfied with his team's defence which, he says, has gained enormously with the arrival of Arno Bertogna.

"This has enabled me to release Chris Dunleavy to move to the midfield and attack.

"His heading ability and distribution will come in very handy there."

Jim McBreen, contrary to rumors, hasn't been dropped for disciplinary reasons.

"Not at all," said Ken Morton. "He carried the ball a bit too much recently and so we rested him. And when the team played well without him, he stayed out of the team. But he'll come back, soon."

Wollongong started the season with Jim Preston in goal — but it's now Natch Vardareff between the posts. So who's the No. 1 keeper?

"At the moment it's Vardareff," Morton said. "I play the man who's in better form; there is no No. 1 and No. 2."

"Preston can get back, it's up to him — and also up to Vardareff."

— a.d.

THIS WAS THE WEEK THAT WAS

• Phil O'Connor is in some doubt for Sunday's game: the brilliant APLA striker fell awkwardly on his left elbow some 20 minutes from the end.

• Canberra's reserve strength is rapidly vanishing. Last Sunday coach George Murray was stripped and team-sheeted as a reserve.

• Olympic will play on Tuesday, July 28, at Pratten Park (7.30) against the visiting Hanimex Utd. North Shore from New Zealand. The Kiwis then go on to Wollongong, Canberra and Melbourne.

• Doug Collins, Olympic: "We tried to play attacking soccer by having four strikers but we couldn't get past their packed mid-field and defence."

• George Murray, Canberra: "This was a first class team effort. We always had their measure and didn't let them play their natural game."

• Canberra's Roy Stark may be out for the rest of the season, if not longer: he suffers from a bad case of arthritis in his knee joint.

• Ken Morton, Wollongong: "I feel we should have got something out of this match, especially after such an excellent second half."

• Willie Wallace, Leichhardt: "Some people say we're not playing beautiful soccer. Perhaps. But we're winning and getting our support back."

• Sebastian Giam-paolo is back in training again, hoping that his stubborn hamstring injury has fully healed. He could play in two weeks.

• Greek star Kostas Kouls won't be coming to join Westad; his club, Aris of Saloniki had a change of heart about his release as he may soon join Panathinaikos.

• Raul Blanco, Marconi: "The same old

story: we keep missing out chances..."

• Peter Jaksa, Westad: "I am delighted. We could have won by a bigger margin."

• Westad are expecting the arrival of Colin Gregson, former West Brom. and Sheffield Wednesday man later this week.

• Ray Baartz, Newcastle: "We put up a good show against one of the top sides in the PSL. Although we failed to score for the second week running, I feel the goals will come again, perhaps against Preston."

• Colin Curran, back from injury, played in the early match at Newcastle and is hopeful of being available for selection within a week or two.

• Len McKendry, Heidelberg: "We had no luck early on. One of the bright spots of the match was the good showing of John Mihailidis who should improve further as he matures."

• Eddie Thomson, Sydney City: "I was relieved when Barnes scored. We had the game under control but still needed a goal to take the points."

• Joe Gilroy: "Before the game I was truly worried as I felt Adelaide City would have the edge. I feel Craig Low had a great game against Russell."

• Bob D'Ottavi, Ad-city: "There is no doubt that the first Lions goal was offside. After all, Daunt was lying on the goal-line, clearly interfering with play."

TOP PSL SCORERS

BODEN (Sydney City)	9(1 pen)
MITCHELL (Adelaide City)	8
OLLERTON (Preston)	8
P. WILKINSON (Brisbane City)	8
BARNES (Sydney City)	7
CHRISTOPOULOS (Sth. Melb.)	7(3 pen)
J. NYSKOHUS (Adelaide City)	7(3 pen)
COLE (Heidelberg)	6(1 pen)
EVANS (Sth. Melbourne)	6
GIBSON (Canberra)	6
JENNINGS (Olympic)	6
SHARNE (Marconi)	6
SOPER (Leichhardt)	6
SOUNESS (Sydney City)	6(1 pen)

PHILIPS LEAGUE 1981

	AGGREGATE											HOME											AWAY										
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2 STH.MELBOURNE	20	9	9	2	25	18	+7	27	10	7	2	1	13	7	16	10	4	3	3	11	12	11	10	4	3	3	11	12	11				
3 LEICHHARDT	20	10	6	4	26	19	+7	26	10	6	3	1	15	7	15	11	5	3	3	11	7	13	10	4	3	3	17	12	11				
4 CANBERRA	21	9	7	5	28	15	+13	25	10	4	4	2	17	8	12	10	4	3	3	17	12	11	10	4	3	3	17	12	11				
5 ADELAIDE CITY	21	11	3	7	35	24	+11	25	11	7	—	4	18	12	14	9	—	6	3	9	12	6	10	5	1	4	11	15	11				
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14 PRESTON	21	4	6	11	22	33	—	11	14	10	3	4	3	14	11	10	11	1	2	8	8	22	4	10	1	3	6	11	18	5			
15 BLACKTOWN	20	3	6	11	24	34	—	10	12	10	2	3	5	13	16	7	10	1	3	6	11	18	5	10	1	3	6	11	18	5			
16 WEST ADELAIDE	21	4	3	14	19	34	—	15	11	10	3	2	5	11	11	8	11	1	1	9	8	23	3	10	3	2	5	11	11	8			

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WEEKEND GUIDE TO PHILIPS LEAGUE



Kosmina

SYDNEY CITY

Likely squad: 1. Clarke, 2. Mullen, 3. Spanos, 4. O'Connor, 5. Bruce, 6. Murray, 7. Watson, 8. Barnes, 9. Boden, 10. Kosmina, 11. R. Houseman, 12. Cant, 13. M. Houseman, 14. Gomez, 15. Muniz, 16. Patikas, 18. Souness, 19. Trenter, 20. Pezzano. Coach: E. Thomson.

Sunday, 3pm
Sydney Athletic Field

Next week: Lions v Sydney City

PAST RESULTS:

1977: Sydney City v Footscray 4-3
1978: Sydney City v Footscray 1-2
1979: Sydney City v Footscray 3-0
1980: Sydney City v Footscray 2-2
In 1981: Footscray v Sydney City 1-0

FOOTSCRAY

Likely squad: 1. Boland, 2. Hazabent, 3. Petrou, 4. Kyriakoules, 5. Kondarios, 6. Jovanovic, 7. Simic, 8. Ilioski, 12. Licanin, 13. Petrou, 14. Belic, 15. Kakantonis, 16. Curovic, 17. Cozzella, 18. Milne, 19. Potter, 20. Verweij. Coach: C. Cirkovic.

REFEREE: G. Power
Linesmen: J. Judd
J. Tattersall

Next week: Footscray v Canberra



Ilioski



Dunleavy

WOLLONGONG CITY

Likely squad: 1. Preston, 2. Willis, 4. Dunleavy, 5. Ainsworth, 6. Adam, 7. Smith, 8. Fleming, 9. Campbell, 10. Lathan, 11. Morlando, 12. Vilestra, 13. McBreen, 15. De Graaf, 16. Tredinnick, 17. Harrison, 18. Morton, 19. Fontana, 20. Kay, 21. Vardareff. Coach: K. Morton.

Sunday, 3pm
Wollongong Showground

Next week: Wollongong v Sth. Melbourne

PAST RESULTS:

Wollongong v West Adelaide for the first time.
In 1981: West Adelaide v Wollongong 0-0

WEST ADELAIDE

Likely squad: 1. Crook, 4. Lorenzoni, 5. Topaz, 6. Bozanic, 8. Manecas, 10. Honeyman, 11. McGregor, 12. Forde, 13. Haig, 14. Koulianos, 15. Marisic, 16. Brown, 17. Wright, 18. Smythe, 19. Kowalski, 20. Miller, 21. Hughes. Coach: P. Jaksa.

REFEREE: H. Witschge
Linesmen: A. Owens,
W. Lord

Next week: West Adelaide v Olympic



Bozanic



Perin

ADELAIDE CITY

Likely squad: 1. Marshall, 2. Russell, 3. B. Nyskohus, 4. Besir, 5. Jones, 6. Dods, 8. Perin, 9. Marocchi, 10. J. Nyskohus, 11. Mitchell, 12. Northcote, 13. Melta, 14. Miller, 15. Manou, 16. Villani, 17. Signore, 18. Fashanu, 22. Przybylski. Coach: B. D'Ottav.

Sunday, 2.30pm
Olympic Sports Field

Next week: Newcastle v Adelaide City

PAST RESULTS:

1980: Adelaide City v Blacktown 3-2
In 1981: Blacktown v Adelaide City 1-5

BLACKTOWN CITY

Likely squad: 1. James, 2. Wheatley, 3. Pollard, 4. Milovanovic, 5. Pointer, 6. Selva, 7. Djordjevic, 8. Hormazabal, 9. Culina, 10. O'Donnell, 11. Manning, 12. Quarumby, 13. Cuk, 14. Burrows, 15. Wallace, 16. Turner, 17. Jones, 18. Milosevic. Coach: R. Rasic.

REFEREE: R. Kerr
Linesmen: P. Smallman
C. Barbo

Next week: Blacktown v Brisbane City



Wheatley



Coe

BRISBANE CITY

Likely squad: 1. Wishart, 2. Dunne, 3. Ratcliffe, 4. Tokes, 5. Perry, 6. Gaffney, 7. Palinkas, 8. Pimblett, 9. Conner, 10. Low, 11. Caldwell, 12. Tripp, 14. Hamilton, 15. P. Wilkinson, 16. McVeigh, 17. B. Wilkinson, 18. Vincenzino, 20. Coe. Coach: G. Potter.

Sunday, 3pm
Spencer Park

Next week: Blacktown v Brisbane City

PAST RESULTS:

1977: Brisbane City v Lions 3-1
1978: Brisbane City v Lions 0-1
1979: Brisbane City v Lions 0-0
1980: Brisbane City v Lions 1-1
In 1981: Lions v Brisbane City 1-0

BRISBANE LIONS

Likely squad: 1. Scanlan, 2. Ontong, 3. Niven, 4. Lindsay, 5. Bennett, 6. Hermiston, 7. Hogg, 8. McLean, 9. Ferris, 10. Millman, 11. McNaughton, 12. McGregor, 13. Latchford, 14. Ogden, 15. Daunt, 17. Wright, 18. Konstantinou, 19. Bryce, 20. Lowndes. Coach: J. Gilroy.

REFEREE: T. Davies
Linesmen: D. Klose
W. Turkington

Next week: Lions v Sydney City



Lowndes



Byrne

MARCONI

Likely squad: 1. Maher, 2. Brogan, 3. Degney, 4. Henderson, 6. Byrne, 9. Krncevic, 10. Mariani, 11. Sharne, 12. Picloane, 13. Muir, 14. Housseini, 15. Calderon, 16. Tomasich, 17. Colusso, 18. Johnston, 20. Corry. Coach: R. Bianco.

Sunday, 3pm
Marconi Stadium

Next week: Heidelberg v Marconi

PAST RESULTS:

1977: Marconi v Olympic 0-0
1978: Marconi v Olympic 0-0
1979: Marconi v Olympic 2-0
In 1981: Olympic v Marconi 2-0

SYDNEY OLYMPIC

Likely squad: 1. Meier, 2. Moulls, 3. Cross, 4. Wilson, 5. Rowden, 6. Katholos, 7. Raskopoulos, 8. Cork, 9. Gavin, 10. Scott, 11. Jennings, 12. Ankudinoff, 13. Cotton, 14. Koussas, 15. Ziras, 16. Jamieson, 18. Laing, 20. Wilson. Coach: D. Collins.

REFEREE: K. Small
P. Hafey

Next week: West Adelaide v Olympic



Katholos



John O'Shea

CANBERRA CITY

Likely squad: 21. Hozowski, 2. M. O'Shea, 3. Williams, 4. Cole, 5. J. O'Shea, 6. Stark, 7. R. O'Shea, 8. Byrne, 9. Valeri, 10. McLaren, 11. Brennan, 12. Gibson, 13. Purdie, 14. Massa, 15. Moutsopoulos. Coach: G. Murray.

Sunday, 3pm
Bruce Stadium

Next week: Footscray v Canberra

PAST RESULTS:

1977: Canberra Heidelberg 0-1
1978: Canberra Heidelberg 2-2
1979: Canberra Heidelberg 1-2
1980: Canberra Heidelberg 0-1
In 1981: Heidelberg v Canberra 1-1

HEIDELBERG

Likely squad: 1. Olver, 2. McMillan, 3. Tansey, 4. Yzendoorn, 6. Selemidis, 7. Rooney, 8. Campbell, 9. Paton, 11. Boziskas, 12. Yankos, 13. McGrory, 14. Provan, 15. Taylor, 16. Cole, 18. Monagle, 20. Relliy. Coach: L. McKendry.

REFEREE: A. Boskovic
Linesmen: M. Welch
V. Celestino

Next week: Heidelberg v Marconi



Yzendoorn



Farrell

PRESTON

Likely squad: 1. Kastner, 2. Rainey, 3. Beech, 4. Ollerton, 5. Higham, 6. Faulkner, 7. Cullen, 8. Flavell, 9. McMillan, 10. Petrovski, 11. Ward, 12. Brown, 13. Lucchesi, 14. Little, 15. Stoikos, 16. Whittle, 17. McCluskey, 18. Boyle, 19. Farrell, 20. Clayton, 21. Wilson. Coach: P. Ollerton.

Sunday, 3pm
Conner Reserve

Next week: Leichhardt v Preston

PAST RESULTS:

Preston v Newcastle for the first time.
In 1981: Newcastle v Preston 4-0

NEWCASTLE UTD.

Likely squad: 1. Dando, 2. Reaney, 3. Tredinnick, 4. Senkalski, 6. Drinkwater, 7. Sumner, 8. Mountford, 9. Jones, 10. Heys, 11. Buckley, 12. Mason, 14. Sneddon, 15. Curran, 16. Kamasz, 17. Storey, 18. Cowburn, 19. Stamp, 20. Gosling. Coach: R. Baartz.

REFEREE: J. Fearn
Linesmen: M. Gaut
M. Momont

Next week: Newcastle v Adelaide City



Mason



Rogers

STH. MELBOURNE

Likely squad: 1. Laumets, 2. V. Bannon, 3. Davidson, 4. Lutton, 5. Xanthopoulos, 6. Rogers, 7. Wright, 8. Christopoulos, 9. Cummings, 10. Evans, 11. Buljevic, 12. Kalafatidis, 14. Campbell, 15. Stevenson, 16. Shirra, 17. Wooddin, 19. Blair, 20. Tsigaras. Coach: H. Margaritis.

Sunday, 3pm
Middle Park

Next week: Wollongong v Sth. Melbourne

PAST RESULTS:

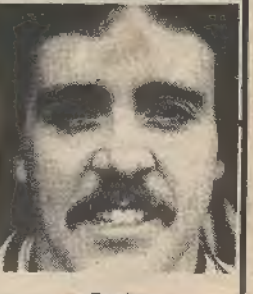
1979: Sth. Melbourne v Leichhardt 1-2
1980: Sth. Melbourne v Leichhardt 1-0
In 1981: Leichhardt v Sth. Melbourne 1-1

LEICHHARDT

Likely squad: 1. Woodhouse, 2. Skellern, 3. McAusland, 4. Pullen, 5. Wilson, 6. Coyne, 7. Soper, 8. Pirie, 9. Giampaolo, 10. Kafka, 11. O'Connor, 12. Butler, 13. Bradley, 14. Leyden, 15. McKie, 16. Morsello, 17. Watts, 18. Gray, 19. Casacchia, 20. Parkes. Coach: W. Wallace.

REFEREE: S. Mellings
Linesmen: D. Fokianos
S. Zoumas

Next week: Leichhardt v Preston



Butler

SCOREBOARD

BOY'S OWN

Here was a game with a real "Boy's Own Annual" scenario as Westad's 11th hour replacement Aldo Lorenzoni emerged as the match winner.

He was originally chosen as a sub for the crucial game but was promoted to the starting line-up when Peter Kowalski was rushed into hospital for an appendectomy on Saturday.

Lorenzoni, a 20-year-old Australian of Italian parents, gave his Greek-sponsored club renewed hope of avoiding relegation by scoring twice over the glamour Italian-backed Marconi.

But while Lorenzoni received the major portion of post-match applause, Westad's suc-

cess was in no way a one-man affair.

They took the points with a determined, skilful and concerted performance with hardly a single passenger in their team.

Marconi had pre-match problems with Alan Maher and Peter Sharne sitting on the bench because of injury. Youth captain Ian Hunter replaced Sharne and veteran Ron Corry, 40, deputised for Maher.

When Westad skipper Martyn Crook won the toss and elected to kick with the strong wind, he put Marconi and Corry under first half pressure.

But Marconi in general

and Corry in particular were equal to the task.

Corry has shown that he has lost none of his reflex skill with brilliant saves from headers by Lorenzoni and Smythe and a solidly struck drive by Bozanic.

Marconi, with Byrne bearing the brunt of most of their midfield endeavours, also had chances.

The most notable came when Krncevic and Jankovics did a quick one-two and the latter hit an angled drive narrowly missing.

Westad seized the lead seven minutes after half-time when Lorenzoni received a low pass from

Maricic, turned inside the box and slammed a great drive past Corry.

Two minutes after the goal Blanco brought Sharne into the fray to replace Housseini and the speedster livened up the Marconi attack with telling crosses which Crook effectively stopped.

Lorenzoni then clinched victory 17 minutes from the final whistle when he rounded Henderson before belting a rising drive past Corry.

It was a superb climax to a great move which was begun by Forde and relayed through Manecas and Topaz with lightning precision.

— Allan Crisp

WEST ADELAIDE v MARCONI 2-0 (0-0)

West Adelaide (4-3-3)

Maricic (4)	Kambas (4)	Forde (4)	Bozanic (4)
McGregor (4)	Honeyman (5)	Topaz (4)	
Manecas (4)	Lorenzoni (5)	Smythe (4)	
	Krncevic (3)	Jankovics (4)	
Hunter (4)	Housseini (3)	Byrne (4)	Johnston (3)
Degney (3)	Henderson (4)	Mariani (4)	Brogan (3)
	Corry (4)		

Marconi (4-4-2)

Replacement: Sharne (55m) for Housseini.
Goals: 1-0 Lorenzoni (52m), 2-0 Lorenzoni (73m).
Referee: G. Neal — Crowd: 3,500 — Cautions: Topaz, Brogan, Byrne.

FEARS GONE

Footscray coach Cedo Cirkovic has maintained this season that his team is capable of beating anybody on their day — but by the same token, because of their inconsistency, they could also lose to any State League side.

This has been emphasised by Footscray's recent good form — practically the same side which started the season so badly.

On Sunday Footscray took an early lead through a goalkeeping mistake but a penalty save by Dennis Boland provided the spark for the team to move into top gear.

Chris Bambridge added to the Footscray superiority by sending

off Frank Pimblett but even without the referee's "help" it was only going to be one winner after the break.

Johan Verweij broke the deadlock after only 12 minutes with a shot after a pass from Ilioski.

Keeper Martin Coe seemed to have the ball covered but it bounced off his chest into the net. The visitors could have equalised 11 minutes later with a spot kick awarded for a foul on Gaffney by Kakantonis.

But Boland came to the rescue stopping the shot by Ratcliffe and turning the ball away for a corner.

The penalty save was

his second in two weeks.

At the other end Coe atoned for his sins by coming to the rescue on a number of occasions in the second half.

The dangers stemmed from a brilliant left wing display by Zdravko Lujic who gave Steve Perry a hiding, turning and racing past him with arrogant ease on a number of occasions.

From the chances set up by Lujic, Bruno Cozzella headed wide on one occasion, Verweij hit a great volley which brought off a world class save by Coe and Ilioski had another two great efforts stopped by the goalie.

Coe was beaten once more in the 68th minute when Verweij connected with a Jim Milne cross but the referee disallowed the goal apparently for an infringement by the lanky striker against a City defender.

The Gladiators came to Melbourne handicapped by the absence of Paul Wilkinson, injured at midweek training and went out intent on defending for a draw.

Footscray's win was their third in a row and relegation is not a big worry for them any longer — unless, of course, the inconsistency which Cirkovic fears strikes again during the remainder of the season.

— Paul Galea

FOOTSCRAY v BRISBANE CITY 1-0 (1-0)

Footscray (4-3-3)

Kakantonis (3)	Kondarios (3)	Boland (5)	O'Reilly (4)	Hazabent (4)
Jovanovic (3)	Ilioski (5)	Belic (3)		
Cozzella (3)	Verweij (4)	Lujic (6)		
	Gaffney (4)	McVeigh (4)		
Conner (3)	Pimblett (1)	Vincenzino (3)	Hamilton (4)	
Perry (3)	Dunne (4)	Ratcliffe (3)	B. Wilkinson (3)	
	Coe (5)			

Brisbane City (4-4-2)

Replacements: Milne (66m), for Belic, Palinkas (78m) for Conner.
Goal: Verweij (12m).
Referee: C. Bambridge — Crowd: 1,300 — Caution: Hamilton, Kakantonis — Sent off: Pimblett (59m).

UNION HELP?

If Wollongong could borrow a couple of good strikers from any of our more militant unions, they would be up near the top of the table.

This lively, fit and far from defensive team simply has no attack to speak of: nobody to benefit from the withering runs and delicate crosses of Peter Tredinnick on the left flank.

This, more or less, let Leichhardt off the hook in the second half when the Wolves were holding all the aces but managed to create only three real chances.

However, the first half was quite different, largely due to the brilliance of Phil O'Connor who gave his marker,

Fleming, a nightmarish run-around.

O'Connor darted here, there and everywhere, turned on a sixpence, sent in tantalising crosses and threatened the goal with shots.

One of his moves was straight from the pages of a Brazilian ball artist.

With his back to the goal, at the halfway line, he received a hard pass; let the ball skid over so gently on the outside of his outstretched left foot, quickly sold a simultaneous dummy, turned — and was in the clear, with the ball at his feet. World class...

The winning goal fell in the 14th minute. Mor-

sello's ball found Soper in the goalmouth but bounced off the gawky striker — right in the path of Terry Butler who nonchalantly swept home his first goal for some time — "long time between drinks," he said later with a grin.

But Leichhardt should have had more than one in this period: a Soper lob in the 25th minute (over the bar), a wide header by Morsello in the 38th minute from a perfect O'Connor cross and then, in the 44th minute, an O'Connor shot (saved) threatened to decide the issue before half-time.

Wollongong came back strongly after the

interval, patrolling the midfield and pushing forward only to see most moves break down on the strangely immobile Campbell and out-classed Fontana.

Although limited to counter-attacks, Leichhardt remained dangerous: twice Morsello missed with his shots after O'Connor had given him faultless service.

Wollongong's chances were less spectacular: a weak Fontana header cleared off the line in the 61st minute, an inept Campbell flick that went wide eight minutes later and then a De Graaf header (wide again) shortly before the end spelt only sporadic danger.

— Andrew Dettre

LEICHHARDT v WOLLONGONG 1-0 (1-0)

Leichhardt (4-3-3)

Hughes (4)	Pullen (4)	Woodhouse (3)	Wilson (5)	McAusland (3)
Butler (4)	Gray (4)	Kafka (3)		
O'Connor (5)	Soper (3)	Morsello (3)		
	Fontana (2)	Campbell (2)		
Tredinnick (5)	Dunleavy (3)	Adam (4)		
Lathan (3)	Bertogna (4)	De Graaf (4)	Fleming (2)	
Ainsworth (4)	Vardareff (4)			

Wollongong (4-3-3)

Replacements: Bradley (60m) for Butler, McKie (81m) for O'Connor.
Goal: Butler (14m).
Referee: P. Rampley — Crowd: 4,200 — Caution: Fleming.

KID'S DEBUT

The first team appearance of John Mihailidis, 18, up from reserve grades, was notable for its baptism of fire against two skilful opponents, in Joe Watson and Ken Boden.

Taking over the Tansley-role was something to live up to and I feel the youngster was a real success.

The wily Watson might have outpointed him with his dribbling skills but Boden was subdued by the young defender.

Heidelberg went into the attack from the start and were buzzing around the Slickers goal for the first two minutes, quickly creating chances.

One Cole shot peculiarly went out for corner even though the big fellow had raised his arm in a victory salute.

This shot boosted the Slickers confidence and they steadied their ranks, cutting out the midfield support for Cole and Paton.

The first half was an even affair, with both defences standing their ground well.

After the interval both teams tried to keep the ball off the heavy, soggy ground.

Patikas threw away a glorious chance when he

blasted a shot high over the bar in the 54th minute.

Heidelberg used an extremely tight defence in which John Yzendoorn excelled in everything he did.

The 56th minute saw a thunderbolt by Barnes with Yzendoorn just getting a foot to the shot.

Three minutes later a Provan freekick lobbed into the penalty area and Selemidis hit the post with Clarke beaten.

Play quietened down for some 15 minutes and this was a chance to have another look at

young Mihailidis, soaking up the pressure like a veteran.

The 73rd minute brought along the Barnes special.

It arrived on the Robertson — Souness line to wrap up the points for the visitors.

It was all so professional — and Heidelberg knew it.

Yet it could have ended up 2-1 for Heidelberg with an ounce of luck in the first two minutes when they missed some sitters.

After the Barnes goal Sydney City held on well and never looked like losing their grip on the match.

— Jock Stephen

HEIDELBERG v SYDNEY CITY 0-1 (0-0)

Heidelberg (4-4-2)

McMillan (4)	Provan (3)	Olver (3)	Yzendoorn (4)	Mihailidis (4)
Selemidis (3)	Rooney (4)	Campbell (4)	Yankos (3)	
	Cole (4)	Paton (3)		
	Cant (3)	Boden (3)	Watson (6)	
Bruce (4)	Barnes (5)	Souness (3)	Patikas (3)	
	O'Connor (4)	Spanos (3)	Mullen (3)	
	Clarke (3)			

Sydney City (4-3-3)

Replacements: Robertson (70m) for Mullen, Bozikas (79m) for Selemidis.
Goal: Barnes (73m).
Referee: J. Johnston — Crowd: 4,500 — Cautions: Souness, Spanos.



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BRISBANE LIONS v ADELAIDE CITY 2-1 (0-0)

Lions (4-3-3)		Adelaide City (4-3-3)	
Ontong (3)	Bennett (5)	Lowndes (4)	Hermiston (4)
Hogg (4)	McLean (3)	Ferris (4)	Niven (4)
C.Low (4)	Daunt (4)	Williamson (3)	
J. Nyskohus (4)	Mitchell (5)	Fashanu (4)	
Melta (4)	Marocchi (3)	Villani (3)	
B. Nyskohus (4)	Jones (4)	Perin (1)	Russell (3)
	Przybiski (4)		

Replacements: Peressin (59m) for Przybiski, Manou (77m) for Villani.
Goals: 0-1 Melta (52m), 1-1 Ferris (54m), 2-1 Williamson (77m).
Referee: C. Amos — Crowd: 3,328 — Sent off: Perin — Cautions: Jones, Melta, Perin.

Despite some incidents this game once again showed the huge benefit the PSL has been to Australian soccer.

The thought of two "provincial" sides providing entertainment such as this 10 years ago was impossible.

Adcity started off smoothly, probing for weaknesses in the tight Lions defence but finding few.

The game quickly became a cat-and-mouse affair with lots of good players providing little excitement for a while.

So it went until half-time with only a bad backpass and a Hogg rocket creating any problems for Przybiski while Lowndes had to get down smartly to for-

UN-DAUNTED

wards' feet on two occasions.

After the half-time came the excitement.

Adcity went into the lead when Melta crashed a swerving 30-metre shot high into the net.

Lions reacted swiftly when young Craig Low smashed his shot against the post.

The rushing Daunt kicked the ball goalwards but saw the ball cannon off the goalie before he himself landed on the goal-line.

Ferris then tapped the ball in much to the consternation of the Adelaide defenders who

claimed that the prostrate Daunt was in an offside position.

The referee refused to be moved — and the goal stood.

The Adelaide coach changed goalies and this steadied their defence somewhat but Low again wriggled his way through only to see his shot rebound off the post, into Peressin's hands.

Daunt was giving Jones and Perin a torrid time and it was a pity to see Perin lose his cool and butt the youngster behind the play; he was given his marching orders on the linesman's report.

Then Daunt outjumped Jones and nodded the ball down to Williamson who wasted no time in scoring his first valuable goal for Lions.

To Adcity's credit, they lifted their game immediately and exerted tremendous pressure on Lowndes goal for the last 14 minutes.

Young Dave Mitchell showed tremendous ability in this exciting period; he and Fashanu really gave the Lions defence a working over but the home defenders kept their cool and on the day that was perhaps the only difference between the two sides.

— Jim Binnie

OLYMPIC v CANBERRA 0-2 (0-1)

Olympic (4-2-4)		Canberra (4-3-3)	
Moulis (3)	P. Wilson (3)	Zeros (—)	Rowden (2)
Raskopoulos (4)	Katholos (3)	Laing (3)	K. Wilson (4)
Scott (2)	Koussas (3)	Jennings (3)	
Brennan (5)	Purdie (3)	Gibson (3)	
R. O'Shea (3)	J. O'Shea (3)	Cole (3)	
Williams (3)	M. O'Shea (3)	Byrne (4)	Matsopoulos (3)
	Hoszowski (5)		

Replacements: Palmer (2, 19m) for Zeros, Cross (69m) for Palmer, Massa (74m) for Williams.
Goals: 0-1 Purdie (31m), 0-2 Gibson (68m).
Referee: R. Lorenc — Crowd: 6,150 — Caution: Byrne.

Clearly in an optimistic mood after scoring four the previous week, Olympic lined up in a 4-2-4 formation with the intention of emulating that feat at Canberra's expense.

Canberra duly responded by reverting to a defensive 4-4-2 leaving Tony Brennan and Ian Purdie as the two front runners at the start.

Both teams had trouble putting their act together and the first worthwhile shot at goal was fired by Peter Raskopoulos after 15 minutes.

Ten minutes later Brennan burst into the penalty box, shuffled past two defenders and blasted a shot past the goalie only to see Ken

STRANGERS

Wilson acrobatically volley the ball off the line.

This piece of action and the first goal scored in the 31st minute were the only highlights of a disappointing first half.

Brennan created havoc with his strong running ability on the ball.

After one such burst he passed to Cole whose cross was met by Brennan again and his shot was scrambled over the line by Purdie.

Olympic's efforts to overcome the Canberra tactics were marred by poor ball control, inaccurate passing and a general lack of purpose.

The closest they came to scoring was on the occasions the Canberra defenders were careless with their backpassing.

The second half showed little improvement until the 81st minute when Rowden appeared in front of goal only to see Hoszowski save his shot.

Olympic were trying hard to find a way through the stubborn Canberra defence but lack of imagination and poor finishing let them down.

Meanwhile in Canberra counter-attacks, Brennan and Purdie went close to scoring.

It was only a matter of

time before they caught the Olympic rearguard on the wrong foot — and they soon did.

Brennan set off on a fine run, ghosted past two defenders before drawing the goalie and slipping the ball to Gibson for an easy tap-in.

Olympic surged forward but were denied even a consolation goal. Nothing that they could devise got past the tight Canberra defence or the solid Hoszowski.

Perhaps his best save was two minutes from time when he palmed a ball over the bar from a fierce Koussas shot.

Olympic played like a bunch of strangers and only Raskopoulos and Ken Wilson escaped with their reputations intact. — Mike Mikolajczyk

NEWCASTLE v STH. MELBOURNE 0-0

Newcastle (4-3-3)		Sth. Melbourne (4-3-3)	
Reaney (4)	Dando (4)	Drinkwater (4)	Mason (4)
Senkalski (4)	Sumner (3)	Jones (3)	H. Tredinnick (5)
Heys (3)	Mountford (3)	Storrey (2)	
Buljevic (3)	Wooddin (4)	Evans (3)	
Stevenson (3)	Shirra (3)	Campbell (3)	
Davidson (3)	Blair (4)	Xanthopoulos (4)	Bannon (4)
	Laumets (4)		

Replacement: Stamp (59m) for Heys.
Referee: A. Rodway — Crowd: 6,099 — Cautions: Shirra, Mountford.

Despite the paucity of goals with both sides failing to live up to their nicknames — Raiders and Gunners — this was a highly entertaining contest with the result in doubt until the final whistle.

On manufactured opportunities Newcastle should have won by three clear goals but there was always a distinct threat when South Melbourne moved forward in force, especially Steve Wooddin who exploded a great left foot shot in the 25th minute.

Dando, at his alert best, pushed the ball the crossbar to end this sweet movement contrived by Buljevic and Wooddin.

ACTION-FULL

More than 6,000 voices roared in unison when Heys made a terrible hash of a great opportunity in the 10th minute — a goal at this stage could have put Newcastle on the path to victory.

It was a great run by midfielder David Jones who shook off two tackles before crossing into the goalmouth but Heys could only push the ball onto the crossbar from six metres.

Heys has all the exuberance and impudence to become a personality player in the PSL and also shows

presence of mind in goalscoring positions but his misses spoil his overall contribution.

Who better than coach Ray Baartz to take the little red-haired striker and teach him the rudiments of striking the ball properly with particular emphasis on pressure situations?

A minute before Heys' costly miss Bannon cleared on the line a great header by Sumner.

Despite the early pressure by Newcastle, South Melbourne showed that they, too, were capable of well constructed attacks and a shot by Wooddin

scraped the upright.

Play switched rapidly from end to end and it became evident early that Blair was more than a match for Mountford in the air while Mason controlled his own defensive zone with great aplomb.

Rugged Scot Jim Shirra was cautioned for an over-zealous tackle on Jones and later in the game Mountford was also shown a yellow card for a similar offence on Steve Blair.

In the closing stages a header from Mountford went wide and Sumner was caught by surprise in the last minute when Laumets misjudged a cross but the Kiwi skipper hit his shot wide of the post.

— Myles Hay

BLACKTOWN v PRESTON 0-0

Blacktown (4-3-3)		Preston (4-3-3)	
Rasmussen (3)	James (3)	Pointer (4)	Milovanovic (3)
Selvage (3)	O'Donnell (4)	Hormazabal (3)	Krstic (3)
Djordjevic (3)	Turner (3)	Burrows (3)	
Petrovski (3)	McMillan (3)	Brown (3)	
Farrell (3)	Lucchessi (3)	Whittle (4)	
Beech (4)	Boyle (3)	Ollerton (3)	Rainey (3)
	Wilson (4)		

Replacements: Wheatley (46m) for Milanovic, Jones (76m) for Hormazabal.
Referee: D. Rennie — Crowd: 3,067 — Cautions: Krstic, Pointer, Beech.
— Sent off: Ollerton.

Preston, dead set to salvage something from this game succeeded in holding Blacktown City to a goalless draw even if they had to pay dearly for it.

They lost their coach Peter Ollerton for the last 20 minutes of the game and his automatic suspension will hardly help them in their match this weekend.

Blacktown certainly had a couple of chances they could have put away but their fighting spirit seemed to have been lost in this match and shots at goal were few and far between.

Branislav Krstic, making his debut for Blacktown, showed

DEADLOCK

some touches of class in the first half and certainly won the lion's share in midfield but he faded away after the interval and so did Blacktown's chances.

As early as the 8th minute, Kiwi striker Brian Turner tested his mate in the Kiwi team and Preston's keeper Richard Wilson with a tremendous drive with Wilson responding to make a brilliant save.

But that was perhaps the best shot of the match as both sides seemed content to mix it in midfield in the battle for superiority which

resulted in a few yellow cards being handed out.

The first went to the new boy Krstic who was only one minute and 30 seconds on the field of play when Doug Rennie flashed it out to him.

After the interval, the game slightly brightened up and Krstic had a golden chance to make his debut worthwhile when put through on the right but he shot straight at defender Steve Beech and the ball went back into play.

Brian O'Donnell, who was the most creative man in a really dull situation also came up

with a long angled shot which Wilson had little trouble to clear.

With Ollerton switching to the forwards after the interval in trying to get the elusive winning goal, an incident occurred just outside the Blacktown penalty area Steve Beech, the Preston defender got a yellow card and after consultation with the linesman, Rennie handed out the red card to Ollerton.

But even against 10 men for the last 20 minutes, Blacktown failed to press home its advantage and failed to create any attacking movements that could have promised a goal.

— Charles Spiteri

Saints race for century

FIRST DIVISION

—By Charles Splitter

St. George seem more than likely to score over 100 goals this year, with their tally already at 78 and with six matches yet to play.

They probably won't get too many against the niggly Monaro this week, especially in Queanbeyan, but stranger things have happened.

Both teams have outstanding strikers who always seem to get goals, no matter what treatment they receive from the opposition.

St. George's Dez Marton has scored 32 goals this year, and although still a fair way from Ninas' record of 46 in 1960 his tally is almost as impressive in this day of harder defences and tighter marking.

Inter Monaro has Ian Heywood, who, while he hasn't scored 32 goals, has bagged some vital ones for the green and blacks.

St. George seem to be winding themselves up for the charge to the finish line and it didn't surprise us to hear Monaro officials last week say they weren't looking forward to the match.

Although they have a tough little side, Monaro can expect a torrid time on Saturday.

We tip a Saints win 3-1.

Croatia come up against one of their toughest challengers for some time this week when they meet Polonia.

The boys from Plumpton took a valuable point from the Saints two weeks ago.

Even if they don't have the cash incentive, Polonia will have the knowledge that a win or a draw would be most valuable for their Top Four hopes.

Or rather, a loss at this stage would be a bitter set-back, with Monaro and Sutherland the two other challengers for the fourth place.

Croatia's line-up is just as formidable as St. George's: with a liberal sprinkling of former PSL players and one of the best young creative players in the country in the shape of Marijan Kovacic.

Polonia, with Anito Budini and Henryk Szobczyk combining well up front and Jerry Kalinowski superb in goal, are a solid team that plays attractive, attacking soccer.

It should be a great, crowd pulling match. We tip Croatia to win narrowly 1-0.

Melita, having been surprised first by Avala,

then by Manly last week will be taking no chances this week against North Sydney.

We tip North Sydney to take a point in a 1-1 draw.

Riverwood's Top Four hopes vanished into the dusty arena of North Sydney Oval last Saturday when they lost to Norths 3-1, and this week's encounter against Auburn could prove a dour affair.

Auburn seem relatively safe from fear of relegation, unless they start to collapse — which we doubt.

Riverwood have had

their moments, but lack of consistency is their main downfall.

Auburn are still a disjointed side, with talent undoubtedly there, but not yet bound together.

Both sides would settle for a draw, but a narrow Riverwood win wouldn't surprise.

We see Riverwood taking the points in a 2-1 result.

Sutherland-Manly clashes have always managed to provide good games and this encounter could be an above average crowd pleaser.

Manly at last is clicking, with the experience of Terry Smith up front.

Sutherland are also sporting a 'new' striker in the shape of Peter Beggs — who is something of a prodigal son.

Sutherland to win 3-2.

Relegation threatened Bankstown take on Canterbury this Sunday at the Soccer Centre in what will be the first of seven 'Grand Finals' for the 'Towers'.

We think that Bankstown will at least steal a point here in a 0-0 draw.

Parramatta and Avala have been making good headway recently away from the bottom of the table and their meeting on Sunday could settle the relegation battle.

A win for Parramatta would be a catastrophe for Bankstown, while a loss for the Magpies would see the wooden-spoon race left wide open.

The return of Branko Karanfilovski is a big plus for Avala and Parramatta will have to watch him.

We tip a 1-1 draw.

Bottom team Revesby scored the upset of the season when they toppled competition leaders Kuringal by the only goal of the match.

Gordon Mackin scored for Revesby in the first half and the Workers just held on for the rest of the match to get two valuable points to bring them on the same points as University who also snatched a point off Guildford.

The game of the round was probably the clash between Yugal and Bathurst which brought five goals and Bathurst could have well taken a point off Yugal if they converted a penalty.

Wollongong had to fight all the way to keep the pressure up but they won well against North Bankstown.

Blacktown and Fairy Meadow, on equal points four behind the leaders, are still in with a chance and the pressure at the top has not abated.

At the other end, there is also a top struggle to avoid the big drop as only two points separate the last six teams.

Highlights of this weeks matches were:

BELMORE v FAIRY MEADOW 1-1

Belmore, struggling to get away from the near the bottom of the table, did well to get a point from the visiting Fairy Meadow.

The Fairys missed the prodigies of coach Hugh Tinney who was out injured and although they had a couple of chances, they couldn't finish them off.

After the interval it was Belmore who took the lead in the 73rd minute through Paul Kirwin.

But the Fairys hit back when a corner by Hamilton was headed in by Micky White for the equaliser.

Belmore: J. Hawthorne, P. Hawthorne, Jones, Martin, Vergos, Kirwin, Murray, Gary Billingham, Parkinson, Oughton, Graham Billingham, Coach: O. Klaus. Fairy Meadow: A. Beck, S. Beck, Southwell (Lackenby), Charnock, Chilly, Richardson, Devenney, White, Baker (Freem), Hamilton, Gardner, Coach: H. Tinney.

GLADESVILLE v WARRINGAH 3-3

Warringah were always behind but kept coming back to snatch a point off the struggling Gladesville.

Gladesville took the lead in the third minute but Joe Szenozky equalised. Alan Sturgess made amends to score from the penalty but again Gladesville went ahead. Scot Beverley scored the equaliser 15 minutes from the end.

Gladesville: Not available. Warringah: Robins, Duncan, Friend, Collings, Ainslie, Kilia, Sturgess, Beverley, Pittman, Crook (Rostrum), Szenozky, Coach: A. Ainslie.

KURINGAL v REVESBY 0-1

In the upset of the season, Revesby scored a first goal and hung on to the end to take the points.

Threatened by relegation, these were two valuable points to win but it cost Kuringal the lead of the competition.

Gordon Mackin got the goal that counts, and Revesby had to withstand 20 minutes of onslaught from Kuringal at the end to no avail.

Kuringal: Antman, Haines, Gross, Sidey, Robertson, Williamson, Magill (Ross), Gould, Smith, McCranor, Stewart, Coach: H. Noon.

Revesby: Wright, Larkins, Adams, Harris, Pittman, Parkinson, Judd, Byles, Gill, Mackin, Mitford, Coach: R. Harbour.

PENRITH v BLACKTOWN 0-1

A goal by Neil Taylor one minute from the end put Blacktown back into the race for the title.

United could have wrapped it up in the first but Tommy Crone failed to convert a penalty which Penrith keeper Gibson saved.

The match headed for a stalemate when Taylor came out with a top goal to give Blacktown the points.

It was John Dimattia's last game for Penrith after five and a half years with the club. John has been transferred at his work and will be going bush.

Penrith: Gibson, Pratt, Dunn, Dimattia, Gaskin (Kalin Thoms), Hobart, Lewis, G. Thoms, Beamer, Hood, Condon, Coach: S. Ackley.

Blacktown: Evans, R. Ramisch, Eldridge, Foster, Taylor, Clarke, T. Crone, De Valle, R. Crone, Davidson, J. Ramisch, Coach: D. Zeman.

NTH. BANKSTOWN v WOLLONGONG 0-2

Wollongong dominated this game, yet Norths were never out of this tussle as both sides strove to get the points for different reasons.

Mick Terziowski opened Wollongong's account in the first two minutes with a top header which hit midfielder Kymanas on its way into the net.

After the interval, North came back strongly and had some good chances to score but couldn't finish.

It was Wollongong who scored again through Roberto Giraldo to seal the result.

North Bankstown: I. Madden, D. Madden, Thompson, Gallagher, Buckley, Stephenson, Kymanas,

Ceriarc, C. Madden, Ross (Sullivan), Coach: D. Madden. Wollongong: P. Terziowski, Namowski, Montecchie, Talevski, R. Sattin, H. Sattin, Petkovski, P. Giraldo, R. Giraldo, Dalkovski (Drain), Coach: M. Johnson.

YUGAL v BATHURST 3-2

In a top game of entertaining football, Yugal outlasted a determined Bathurst to take the points and the lead in the competition.

In whirlwind start, Yugal scored two first half goals through David Travini and Mick Rendell to lead comfortably at halftime.

But Bathurst came back strongly after the interval with Adrian Pickup missing a penalty soon after the break but making amends later.

Yugal went on to lead 3-1 with a goal by Rokodera but Bathurst kept pressing and pulled another one back to really give Yugal a shake.

Yugal: Berry, Rendell, Commings, McIntosh, Clarke, Babian, Travini, Benecke (McGrath), Rodas, Rokodera, Tanoski, Coach: I. Takac. Bathurst: Unavailable.

GUILDFOUR v UNI OF NSW 1-1

In a hard tough game to avoid relegation, University who have been at the losing end for some weeks managed to share the spoils with Guildford.

Lou Antonolo put them ahead within the first 10 minutes but could not hold the lead for long.

Guildford scored the equaliser halfway through the first half and although both teams put everything in it after the break neither succeeded to get the winner.

Guildford: Unavailable.

Uni of NSW: Ridings, Lyons, T. Popovich, Erhardt, V. Popovich, Graham, Daglis, Kelly, Hughes, Carwe, Antonoli, Coach: A. Field.

POSTPONED PSL GAME

The Blacktown v Sydney City match, postponed from an earlier round, will be played on Wednesday (July 15) at 8pm at Marconi Stadium. The two youth teams will clash at 6pm.



THIS WEEK'S PROGRAMS

DIVISION 2

Bonnyrigg v Lane Cove Utd., Sun., St. Johns Park; Dee Why v Baukham Hills, Sat., Dee Why Oval; Liverpool Albion v Mt. Druitt Town, Sun., Stanwell Oval; Nth. Ryde v Queens Park, Sun., Nth. Ryde Oval; Glad. Hornsby v Campbelltown City, Sat., Pioneer Park; Riverstone v Marrickville Rockdale, Sat., Schofield Park; Riverstone v Dee Why, Sun., Schofield.

DIVISION 3

Paddington v Kingsford, Sun., Campbell Park; Padstow Park v Artamon, Sun., Walshaw Park; Went. Werrah v Port Hacking, Sun., Canterbury Park; Bondi Marines v Sydney Uni., Sat., Waverley Oval; West Ryde Rovers v Eastern Creek, Sun., L.H. Waud S/Grd.; Hurstville-Zagreb v Fairfield Kiv., Sat., Seymour Shaw.

DIVISION 4

Nth. Rocks v Eastwood, Sun., Murray Farm Reserve; Revesby Rovers v Chelsea, Sun., Amour Park; Canley Heights v Fairfield West, Sun., King Park; Ryde District v West St. George, Sun., E.L.S. Hall Park; Maroubra Utd. v West Holroyd G/C, Sat., Coral Sea Park; Concordia v Winston Hills, Sat., Marrickville Oval.

DIVISION 5

Hawkesbury Dist. v Macquarie Uni., Sun., Nth. Richmond Oval; Chullora v Haberfield, Sat., Jensen Park; Edensor Park v Camden Sat., King Tomislav Park; Pagewood v Auburn Juniors, Sat., Jellicoe Park; Glenquarie Utd. v Green Valley, Sat., Bensley Road S/Complex.

DIVISION 6

Liverpool Rangers v Trasandinos Sports, Sun., Ireland Park; Liverpool City v Blacktown Wanderers, Sun., Ernie Smith Reserve; Robins v Hajduk Rangers, Sat., Pacilio Oval; Parramatta v Liverpool Utd. Sun., Eric Primrose Reserve; Blacktown Workers v Colo Colo, Sun., Laybutt Reserve; St. Sydney v Bankstown Sports, Sat., Booralee Park.

"CROAZILIANS" TO THE RESCUE

St. George striker Dez Marton continued his merry way up the goal scoring table as he netted a hat-trick for the Saints in their 4-0 victory over Parramatta and took his tally for the season to 32 goals.

Croatia, St. George's main rival for the title, had to fight hard to defeat Auburn 2-1, who bounced back excellently from their 7-0 defeat at the hands of St. George last Wednesday.

Melita continued to slip, dropping a point to Manly in a 1-1 draw, while Sutherland could only manage a 1-1 draw against an impressive Avala.

On Saturday, Sutherland's two main rivals for fourth spot, Polonia and Monaro, both recorded wins over Bankstown 2-1 and Canterbury 1-0 respectively, while North Sydney beat Riverwood 3-1.

St. George hold down first place on 38 points, one ahead of Croatia and eight ahead of third placed Melita.

Sutherland are 16 points behind the Saints but still hold outright fourth spot.

St. George had plenty of chances against a defensive Parramatta, but only managed to put four of them away, with Marton grabbing the first three and Barry Walker scoring the final goal.

Saints had led 1-0 at halftime, with the third goal coming from a penalty when Villi Kanacki has fouled and Marton scored from the spot.

Parramatta midfielder Vic Juchniewicz and striker Jim Herron (ex-St. George) were sent off in the second half.

After a poor performance against St. George on Wednesday night,

Auburn came out with much more determination against Croatia despite losing 2-1.

The first goal came only after seven minutes when Brazilian Nello Borges headed home a cross from left winger Hilton Silva — a fellow Brazilian.

But Auburn fought back and it came as no surprise when striker Rod Brown grabbed an equaliser five minutes after halftime with a well executed goal.

Their joy was short-lived, as just one minute later, Marcos Silva, the team's third Brazilian, headed home to post Croatia's eventual winner.

Perhaps "Croatia" is now a misnomer and the team could be re-named "Paulistas" or "Carliocas..."

Melita left it until seven minutes from the end to grab an equaliser against Manly when forward Terry Jones scored from a goalmouth scramble.

Manly had scored after half-an-hour when Stuart Regan netted, in an even game in which Manly created several chances.

Sutherland only got their goal against Avala with two minutes of play left.

Eduardo Ruiz opened the scoring for Avala with Peter Beggs grabbing the equaliser for the Sharks.

A well taken goal by Ricky Budini in the 12th minute of the second half gave Polonia a 2-1 victory in a dour battle with Bankstown.

Polonia got an early break when striker Henryk Szobczyk scored in the 10th minute from close in after a long cross from the left.

Centre-back Budini's goal was the highlight of the match.

He took the ball on his

chest inside the penalty area and, with a swift stroke of the ball, sunk it into the bottom left pocket of the net.

North Sydney Inter, a man down for most of the match, upset ambitious Riverwood with a 3-1 at North Sydney Oval.

The dismissal of Robert Rettore by the referee was a double blow to North Sydney as they had transferred leading players Tom Steven and Jim Bottalico to Croatia earlier in the week.

Playing without injured Mick Dale and Bob McGinn as well, Norths' determined youngsters led 2-0 at halftime due to goals from Jim Morsello and Alex Bottalico.

Alan Fisher pulled one back for Riverwood, but Shane Wilson netted North Sydney's third goal with only two minutes remaining.

Inter-Monaro, battling to lift themselves into semifinal contention, grabbed two valuable points with a 1-0 victory over Canterbury at

ST. GEORGE v PARRAMATTA 4-0 (1-0)

St. George: Fraser, Duarte, Terry, Skeen, Rylands, MacDonald (Hadley 84m), Davies, Stone, Campbell (Walker 80m), Kanacki, Marton.

Parramatta: Donovan, Fairclough, McKenzie, Bates, Lackey, Juchniewicz (sent off), Brizuela, Roughley (Mitchell 54m), Roden, Montgomery, Herron (sent off).

Goals: 1-0 Marton (30m), 2-0 Marton (73m), 3-0 Walker (81m), 4-0 Marton (pen, 87m).

Referee: R. Doneough; Crowd: 500; Cautions: Montgomery, Bates, Juchniewicz, Herron; Sent off: Juchniewicz, Herron.

MANLY v MELITA 1-1 (1-0)

Manly: Ellis, Geohagan (Wilson 6m), Riley, Emery, Stocks, K. Falconer, Jack, P. Falconer, Smith, Reagan, Fox.

Melita: Greedy, McCoy, Daley, Loxley, Berry, Williams (McPherson 60m), Darvill, Campbell, Allan, Farrugia, Jones.

Goals: 1-0 Reagan (40m), 1-1 Farrugia (83m).

Referee: R. Neimes; Crowd: 900; Cautions: Riley, Loxley.

POLONIA v BANKSTOWN 2-1 (1-1)

Polonia: Kalinowski, Zounis, Maitre, Galas, R. Budini, Garlowski, Sooke, Divani, Szobczyk, A. Budini, Lemanczyk.

Bankstown: Lachowicz, Greg Lynch, Radovac, Rootsey, Beveridge, Peck (Usher 12m), Nocera (Gilligan 85m), Rea, Fergusson, Beater, King.

Goals: 1-0 Szobczyk (10m), 1-1 Rootsey (39m), 2-1 R. Budini (57m).

Referee: G. King; Crowd: 780; Cautions: Zounis.

ST. GEORGE v AUBURN 7-0 (2-0)

St. George: Fraser, Duarte, Terry, Skeen, Rylands, MacDonald, Davies, Stone, Campbell, Kanacki, Marton (Walker 78m).

Auburn: Bowman, McInemey, Sullivan, Prgmolija, Bates, McDonald, Wigley, Bertram, Pondakas, Izatt, (Bielby), Brown.

Goals: 1-0 Marton (32m), 2-0 Duarte (40m), 3-0 Marton (50m), 4-0 Stone (53m), 5-0 Marton (58m), 6-0 Marton (78m, pen.), 7-0 Campbell (85m).

Referee: Nelms; Crowd: 1,000; Cautions: Izatt.

CANTERBURY v INTER MONARO 0-1 (0-0)

Canterbury: McPherson, Pseuliconomou, Barton (Bosganos 35m), Lane, Bourke, Williams, Brown, Thaminidis, Binos, Basterfield, Karaspiros.

Monaro: Caputo, Francis, Crawford, Noble, Santolin, Charles, Arguero, Ashford, Link, Salgado, Heywood.

Goal: 0-1 Heywood (53m).

AUBURN v CROATIA 1-2 (0-1)

Auburn: Bowman, McInemey, Prgmolija, Bates, Sullivan, MacDonald, Quigley (Thiering 90m), Bertram, Pondakas (Bielby 77m), Izatt, Brown.

Croatia: Watson, A. Kovacic, Vidacic, Dobson, Coleman, M. Kovacic, Steven (Czolnowski 88m), H. Silva (Pagano 77m), M. Silva, Borges, Hensman.

Goals: 0-1 Borges (13m), 1-1 Brown (49m), 1-2 M. Silva (50m).

Referee: B. Wilkinson; Crowd: 3,600; Borges, Brown.

AVALA v SUTHERLAND 1-1 (0-0)

Avala: Ahrens, Lembyk, Turnbull, Fairclough, Vujovic, Ruiz, Youssel, Carrizo, Pearson, Bateman, Karanfilovski.

Sutherland: Haynes, Hesford, Cashman, Donnelly, Dal Forno, Groome, Watkins (Tillet 80m), Connor (Rogers 55m), T. Bush, Beggs, P. Bush.

Goals: 1-0 Ruiz (73m), 1-1 Beggs (87m).

Referee: P. Pritchard; Crowd: 800; Cautions: Groome.

NORTH SYDNEY v RIVERWOOD 3-1 (2-0)

Norths: Katsavelas, Lucchesi, Gibson, Matheson, Rettore, Mitchell, A. Bottalico, O'Rourke, T. Wilson, S. Wilson, John Morsello.

Riverwood: Hansell, Martin, Wignall, Butcher, Mikas (Savor 20m), Bulloch, Tracey, Hooper, Fisher, Langdon, Kumsaz (Rydstrand 75m).

Goals: 1-0 Morsello (15m), 2-0 A. Bottalico (28m), 2-1 Fisher (80m), 3-1 Wilson (88m).



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SPIDER'S NET

With Allan Maher



West Adelaide certainly didn't play like a team at the bottom of the ladder last Sunday.

However, their coach Peter Jaksa and some of their officials would be well advised to keep their language "down" while advising their players from the bench. I know that when you're under pressure you tend to do and say things you don't really mean.

But there were quite a few people within earshot at the Hindmarsh stadium and not all of them would like to put up with this sort of behavior from people in responsible positions.

Blacktown City has got to be the unluckiest club in the country.

Recent reports claimed that they have the best goalkeeper in Australia, the best mid-field playmaker and best striker in the country and, thrown in for good measure, the best coach, too.

And now, they also have one of the best sponsorships in Australia.

I just can't understand what they are doing holding up the bottom end of the League table...

Les Scheinflug has announced his squad for the trip to Fiji for the next World Cup game.

I wasn't surprised to see the six young players added to the squad.

Still, one has to be careful about choosing too many youngsters

for the actual team, as they tend to be rather inconsistent and even undisciplined.

This was shown in the last 10 minutes of the Adelaide game against Taiwan.

Tony Brennan made the squad but, much to my surprise, Phil O'Connor didn't.

Both have turned in some of the best attacking displays in recent weeks that I have seen for a long time.

O'Connor has been playing brilliant stuff this season and it's a pity his enormous talents go unrecognised.



Brisbane officials expect a crowd of 6,000 or more for the great local derby at Spencer Park on Sunday.

Calvin Daunt, the young Lions striker, had to have minor surgery to a broken nose after Sunday's game.

WHO'LL WIN 1981 TITLE?

SYDNEY CITY KNOW HOW TO SPRINT HOME

Staying power and a strong finish are the basic requirements if you want to win a championship.

Quite often, in previous PSL seasons, leading contenders folded up towards the end.

On an average, a team needs 14 points from its last 10 games to win the title.

Teams which finished in the top four in the 1977-80 seasons averaged 13.50 points in their last 10 matches.

Easily the most impressive finishers have been Sydney City.

They never got less than 1.3 points per match in their last 10 games.

All the other 1981 title aspirants are highly suspect as for their staying power, all having had bad collapses towards the end.

Perhaps the worst record belongs to Canberra who, for some mysterious reason (accumulated effects of travel?) invariably fare badly at the end; not once have they averaged even a point a match in their last 10 games.

Another pointer towards Sydney City's ultimate success is the squad's great depth: one or two injuries, even to key players, seems to make little difference.



The team and the club are stable, with good planning, very solid financial support and strong staff.

So if you must bet put your money on Sydney City winning the 1981 title, probably from South Melbourne and Adelaide City.

These were the top four teams and their point tally after 16 and 26 rounds in previous season (the + figures indicate points won in last 10 matches):



SYDNEY CITY	16	16
STH. MELBOURNE	5	13
CANBERRA	9	8
ADELAIDE CITY	9	8
LEICHHARDT	—	7
BRISBANE CITY	8	3

1977

After 16 R.	Pts. After 26 R.	Pts.
Adcity	22 Hakoah	37 + 16
Marconi	22 Marconi	37 + 15
Hakoah	21 Heidelberg	32 + 15
West.Suburbs	21 Adcity	31 + 9

1978

Marconi	24 Westad	36 + 14
Westad	22 Hakoah	35 + 16
Hakoah	19 Sth.Melb.	32 + 13
Sth.Melb.	19 Marconi	30 + 6

1979 (bonus pts. excluded)

Marconi	23 Marconi	36 + 13
Bris.City	21 Heidelberg	36 + 17
Sydney City	20 Sydney City	34 + 14
Adcity	19 Brisbane City	33 + 12

1980

Sydney City	24 Sydney City	37 + 13
Heidelberg	22 Heidelberg	36 + 14
Sth.Melb.	22 Sth.Melb.	35 + 13
Bris.Lions	19 Marconi	34 + 16

POINTS GAINED IN THEIR LAST 10 GAMES

1977	1978	1979	1980	Aver.
16	16	14	13	14.75
5	13	7	13	9.50
9	8	3	4	6.00
9	8	13	12	10.50
—	—	7	13	10.00
8	3	13	7	7.75

PHILIPS CUP QUARTERFINAL

MARCONI v LEICHHARDT 3-1(1-0)

Marconi: Corry, Brogan, Mariani, Henderson, Degney, Housseini, Byrne, Johnston, Jankovics, Krncevic, Hunter (Sharne).

Leichhardt: Woodhouse, Hughes, Wilson, Pullen, McAusland, Gray, Butler, Kafka, Morsello, Soper, O'Connor.

Goals: 1-0 Krncevic (12m), 2-0 Krncevic (63m), 2-1 Morsello (66m), 3-1 Krncevic (85m).

Referee: H. Witschge — Crowd: 3,600.

this occasion to find his long missing golden touch, grabbing a nice hat-trick.

In the 12th minute Krncevic smartly bent the ball over Woodhouse from some 15 metres.

The slightly injured Ian Hunter was replaced by the equally unfit Sharne and it was from his cross in the 63rd minute that Krncevic headed home goal No.2.

However, Leichhardt came back when Morsello converted O'Connor's cross three minutes later.

Just when it looked as though Leichhardt could make something of it and force the game into extra time, Krncevic sealed the result with his third goal.

Marconi will now meet Brisbane Lions in the Cup semifinal.

NSW YOUTH LEAGUE

Group 1

Glad. Hornsby v St.George, Peakhurst
Bankstown v Leichhardt, Lambert
Blacktown City v Croatia, Gabbie
Illawarra v Baukhams Hills, Balgownie
Polonia v Sthn. & Eastern, Jellicoe
Syd. Olympic v Melita, Pratten

Group 2

Nepean v Kuringai, Cook
Riverwood — Bye
Central Coast v Avala, Knight
Marconi v Blacktown Assoc., Francis
Sutherland v Sthn. District, Bates Drive
Canterbury v Manly, Cromer

LAST WEEK

	14s	15s	16s
Group 1			
Glad.Horn v Blackt.City	3-2	1-5	1-3
Bankstown v St.George	0-1	1-3	0-2
Illawarra v Croatia	5-0	1-2	0-0
Polonia v Baukh.Hills	0-3	2-2	2-2
Syd.Olympic v Sthn.& Eastern	2-1	4-0	0-0
Melita v Leichhardt	0-0	1-6	0-1
Group 2			
Nepean v Central Coast	1-0	1-1	1-0
Riverwood v Kuringai	0-7	3-1	1-2
Marconi v Avala	8-1	1-0	3-0
Sutherland v Blackt.Assoc.	1-2	4-0	1-1
Canterbury v Sthn.Dist.	0-4	1-0	2-2

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When the ball crosses the side touch-line, it is "thrown" back into play by a player from the team opposing that of the player who last touched it. The thrower must face the field of play with both feet on or outside the touch-line, and "throw-in" the ball with both hands from behind and over his head.

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GRADE 1

W	D	L	F	A	P
St George	18	2	—	78	6 38
Croatia	17	3	—	56	14 37
Melita	13	4	3	45	15 30
Sutherland	9	4	6	27	18 22
Polonia	9	3	6	22	23 21
Monaro	8	4	7	29	34 20
Cbury	6	6	9	28	39 16
R'wood	7	2	9	22	33 16
N.Sydney	5	5	10	25	40 15
Manly	5	4	10	21	29 14
Avala	4	4	11	16	40 11
Auburn	4	2	13	16	48 10
P'matta	4	1	14	16	48 10
B'town	3	2	14	22	44 8

GRADE 2

Croatia	13	4	2	38	14	30
St George	12	5	2	37	15	29
C'bury	11	4	5	38	18	26
Melita	10	6	4	32	13	26
R'wood	10	5	3	30	15	25
Manly	8	6	5	35	22	22
S'land	9	4	7	33	22	22
N.Sydney	7	4	9	31	29	18
Auburn	7	3	8	23	32	17
P'matta	4	8	9	18	41	14
Banks	5	3	11	21	31	13
Avala	2	6	11	12	38	10
Monaro	2	5	12	12	37	9
Polonia	3	2	13	10	39	8

GRADE 3

Bankstown	13	2	3	48	24	28
R'wood	10	5	2	35	17	25
Auburn	11	1	4	42	14	23
Sutherland	11	1	4	38	16	23
Melita	8	5	8	31	25	21
Canterbury	8	4	6	36	27	20
St George	10	—	7	28	21	20
Manly	8	3	6	35	28	19
Croatia	5	5	7	28	43	15
Polonia	5	4	8	20	23	14
N.Sydney	2	3	12	15	42	7
P'matta	2	2	14	13	47	6
Avala	1	1	15	14	57	3

DIVISION 1

Yugal	13	5	2	47	24	31
Woll. Utd.	13	4	3	44	12	30
Kuringal	13	4	3	36	11	30
Fairy M.	11	5	4	39	19	27
Blacktown	12	3	5	34	17	27
Bathurst	7	5	8	21	29	19
Warrington	5	7	8	38	42	17
Penrith	5	7	7	22	32	17
Gladesv.	4	6	10	20	29	14
Guildford	4	6	11	19	36	14
N.Bankst.	4	5	11	22	38	13
Belmore	2	9	8	15	35	13
Revesby	4	4	11	28	39	12
Uni NSW	4	4	11	22	48	12

GRADE 2

Kuringal	12	6	2	47	14	30
Fairy Mdw	10	4	3	47	15	30
Guildfrd.	10	4	6	33	29	24
Gladesv.	9	5	5	26	17	23
Woll. Utd.	10	3	6	38	31	23
Blacktown	9	5	6	26	20	23
Revesby	9	4	6	32	21	22
Penrith	9	4	6	26	22	22
Yugal	8	5	7	25	24	21
Belmore	6	6	7	19	21	18
N.Bankst.	7	4	8	26	34	18
Warrington	2	6	12	20	38	10
Uni NSW	3	2	14	21	52	8
Bathurst	—	2	18	6	63	2

GRADE 3

Kuringal	18	1	1	90	14	37
Gladesv.	12	5	1	48	17	29
Woll. Utd.	12	3	5	44	26	27
Guildford	10	4	4	39	20	26
Belmore	11	3	5	47	24	25
Fairy Mdw	11	3	6	40	24	25
Blacktown	9	3	7	30	29	21
Penrith	6	7	5	17	23	19
Bathurst	7	1	12	34	31	15
N.Bankst.	4	5	10	18	34	13
Revesby	7	1	10	27	45	10
Yugal	4	—	14	28	66	8
Warrington	2	3	14	15	73	7
Uni NSW	—	6	13	10	63	6

DIVISION 2

Baulk. Hls	10	2	3	31	14	22
M. Druitt	10	1	4	27	11	21
M. Vile	8	5	2	27	17	21
Dee Why	8	3	2	26	10	19
N. Ryde	8	1	8	20	18	17
C'town	7	2	6	30	22	16
Bonnyrigg	6	3	6	22	25	15
Queens P	5	3	7	19	25	13
R'stone	4	2	7	15	26	10
Lane Cove	2	4	9	16	28	8
L'pl Alb.	2	3	10	16	29	7
Glad. Horn	2	3	10	13	38	7

GRADE 2

M. Druitt	10	3	2	37	18	23
N. Ryde	8	8	1	33	16	22
L'pl Alb.	7	4	4	20	14	18
C'town	5	5	5	22	22	15
Queens P	8	3	6	19	23	15
Bonnyrigg	4	6	6	19	17	14
Glad. Horn	5	4	6	21	26	14
Dee Why	5	2	6	15	13	12
Lane Cove	6	—	9	17	38	12
Baulk. Hls	4	3	8	16	18	11
M'ville	4	2	9	21	26	10
R'stone	3	4	6	19	30	10

GRADE 3

C'town	11	3	1	42	10	25
Baulk. Hls	11	1	3	49	11	23
L'pl Alb.	11	1	3	40	14	23
Glad. Horn	11	—	3	46	13	22
M'ville	9	3	2	33	11	21
M. Druitt	7	4	4	38	30	16
Queens P	6	—	9	23	40	12
Bonnyrigg	5	2	8	17	34	12
N. Ryde	4	1	10	24	45	9
Lane Cove	2	1	12	11	42	5
L'pl Alb.	1	1	11	13	45	3
R'stone	1	1	12	9	51	1
Dee Why	—	1	12	9	51	1

SCOREBOARD

DIVISION 3

Artarmon	9	5	1	44	12	23
Kingsford	7	6	2	28	14	30
Hurstville	7	3	4	18	21	17
Wentworth	6	4	5	34	21	16
Eastern C	6	4	5	18	23	16
Bondi	5	4	6	22	25	14
Paddington	5	4	6	18	24	14
Padstow	5	3	6	18	15	13
Syd. Uni	5	2	7	12	19	12
Fairfield	4	3	8	27	31	11
W. Ryde	3	5	7	19	30	11
Port Hack	4	1	9	16	39	9

GRADE 2

Fairfield	10	3	2	40	20	23
Bondi	10	2	3	40	16	22
Eastern C	10	2	3	33	17	22
Kingsford	8	3	4	31	25	19
Padstow	8	2	4	36	22	18
Artarmon	6	3	6	32	33	15
Syd. Uni	4	4	6	21	30	12
Hurstville	4	4	6	19	28	12
Wentworth	3	5	7	23	29	11
Paddington	3	4	8	21	28	10
W. Ryde	3	4	8	16	27	10
Port Hack	—	2	12	12	59	2

DIVISION 4

Concordia	10	3	2	30	16	23
W. Holroyd	7	3	4	30	21	17
Chelsea	7	3	5	33	26	17
Canley Ht	7	3	4	35	35	17
Winst. Hl.	6	6	3	31	23	16
N. Rocks	7	2	6	29	20	16
Fairfield	7	2	6	30	24	16
W. St. Geo.	6	3	8	35	36	15
Revesby	5	4	5	20	21	14
Maroubra	3	4	8	24	35	10
Eastwood	4	2	9	19	33	10
Ryde Dist.	2	1	12	15	37	5

GRADE 2

W. St. Geo.	13	—	2	42	19	26
Winst. Hl.	8	2	3	32	17	20
Fairfield	8	4	3	33	19	20
Canley Ht	8	4	2	22	11	20
Concordia	7	4	2	20	16	18
Eastwood	6	3	8	23	20	15
N. Rocks	4	7	4	11	12	15
Chelsea	5	4	6	25	30	14
W. Holroyd	2	5	7	7	20	9
Maroubra	2	4	9	16	31	8
Ryde Dist.	1	5	9	17	35	7
Revesby	1	2	11	7	25	4

DIVISION 5

Edensor P	11	4	—	45	13	26
Moorebank	7	7	2	36	20	21
Glenquar.	6	3	4	33	24	19
Maccabi	6	3	4	22	16	19
Pageval	6	3	4	24	20	15
Green Val	6	2	7	23	28	14
Haberfeld	4	5	6	27	41	13
Mac. Uni	4	4	7	39	37	12
Hawkesbr.	3	4	7	28	34	11
Chullora	3	4	7	22	31	10
Auburn	3	5	7	16	24	9
Camden	1	7	6	19	32	9

ONCE IN 72 MIN.

Teams didn't exactly spoil their fans with goals last weekend in the PSL. A total of 10 goals fell in eight matches, during 720 minutes of soccer. This, of course, is an average of one goal for every 72 minutes. Nine of the 16 teams stayed sterile. Only three of the visiting teams could score — Sydney City, Canberra and Adelaide City — and for two of them it meant victory.



2 TO 6

IN NSW FEDERATION

With Val Hokin and Emmanuel Kanna.

Sydney Uni (3rd div.) had a hard struggle at home against Paddington Spanish and despite some good performances especially by the goalkeeper, the side went down 0-1 with a goal scored only five minutes from the final whistle. The Spanish put on a strong light in the last 30 minutes of the game and were rewarded with a goal scored from close range by Daniel Bonales. The ball belonged to David Jones who pushed through the defence and when alone with the goalkeeper, he passed it to the unmarked Bonales to score.

Port Hacking (3rd div.) travelled a long way to get to Knight Park at Fairfield but the trouble was worth it as the Ports returned with two good points defeating Fairfield 4-2. Ports were two goals up just before halftime when Kieff scored the first goal. After the interval Fairfield persisted and were on equal terms soon but before the game had ended the Ports scored two more for a good win. For Ports John Levin scored one goal from the penalty spot and the other three goals were scored by Shaun Gallagher, who as a regular sweeper, was playing his first game in the forward line. The first goal scored by Shaun came from a cross ball after a lead-up by Bruce Vale from the left wing. The second was headed in by Shaun from a similar situation involving Brian Vale again. The final goal for Ports was a solo effort by Shaun when from the outside penalty area he pushed forward tackling two defenders before shooting to score.

Concordia (4th div.) managed to win only one point when playing against the improved Maroubra. The final score was 1-1 and Maroubra's goal came in the dying seconds of the game. Concordia's goal was a beauty scored by George Metovski from an acute angle with a high shot from the right wing. The ball went over the head of the goalie in the top left corner of the net. Concordia played their usual good football in this half and could have scored more were it not for the excellent performance of Maroubra defenders Robbie Coyle and Bernie Dillon and especially the goalkeeper Charlie Knight. After the interval Concordia eased up a little and allowed Maroubra to come into the game. A corner taken by Jimmy Marshall came to Steve Lewis who promptly hammered it in for the equaliser.

West Holroyd (4th div.) playing at home won two valuable points by defeating Ryde District 3-0 and with some good luck (loss of Canley Heights and North Rocks) the club is now placed second in the table together with a closely bunched group of aspirants. James Gwargis scored the only goal before the interval after he won the ball out of a tackle against the Ryde defender. The second goal came when Emmanuel Melak passed the ball to Darcy Dendos who split the defence open before scoring. Emmanuel again contributed when he took a freekick which finished with a header and a good goal scored by Rodney Cook. West Holroyd dominated the game very well and were it not for the missed chances the score could have been much higher.

Kingsford (3rd div.) suffered a disastrous weekend when, after playing a double header, the second placed club failed to score any goals and finished with only one point out of possible four. Playing against Hurstville Zagreb the score was 0-0. The game was hard fought and at times rough and both clubs finished up with many injuries. The other game was against Padstow Park who won the game 1-0 with a goal scored in the second half. A penalty kick awarded to Kingsford was saved by the Padstow goalkeeper Greg Annersley. The ball went into play and with an immediate runaway move the ball finished in the Kingsford goal area for the Padstow left winger Brian Bevan to put in the net. Next few games are very important for Kingsford to challenge Artarmon for the premiership or even to stay there for a promotion.

North Ryde (2nd div.) were determined to keep up their unbeaten run in the second round but this aim received a set-back when Campbelltown City scored in the first 10 minutes through a bad back pass by the Ryde defense in their match last Saturday at Lynwood Park. Just before halftime though, North Ryde came up with the equaliser when awarded a penalty which was duly converted by fullback Mark Currow. The game on the whole was run at a fairly fast pace causing both teams to tire towards the last

quarter. Both sides had equal chances making the end result a fair one.

Robins (6th div.) suffered their first defeat of the season at the hands of Blacktown Wanderers. The first half saw Wanderers 1-0 up at halftime with a goal by George Cabral. The second half saw a determined Blacktown repulse many attacks and on a breakaway Laurie Azzopardi scored their second goal. Robins tried hard to pull back the deficit and were rewarded by a Stewart Tebbutt goal

COCA-COLA BOTTLERS LEAGUE REPORT

By Paul James



Dez is out to break record

Dez Marton, the stocky, broad-shouldered Hungaro-Yugoslav star of St. George, is in with a strong chance to smash a 21-year-old NSW scoring record.

He needs "only" another 15 goals to surpass the 46 goal tally of the great Herbert Ninaus, who grabbed an astonishing 46 goals in 26 matches for Prague in 1960.

That season Prague, the all-time glamor team of Australian soccer, scored 106 goals—without Leo Baumgartner who was by then with Canterbury...

Ninaus had some incredible displays that season to chalk up his 46 goals.

He scored four hat-tricks, got four goals twice, managed five against Manly—and scored all the six goals of Prague against Granville in their 6-0 win.

This former Austrian star from Graz still lives in Sydney, works for QANTAS—as does Baumgartner—and hardly ever attends a top soccer match.

It took 20 competition games this year for Dez Marton to score his incredible 32 goals for St. George—who themselves have notched up a massive tally of 78 in their relentless pursuit of the State League title.

Dez' stature reminds you of Gerd Mueller—not too short, but blessed with a low centre of gravity that enables him to swivel and turn in tight spots in opposing goalmouths.

His skills and ball control are superb and he has a shot in either foot.

Added to that is a good sense of timing his jumps for headers and you have the perfect formula for a striker—as the 32 goals show.

But his coach Frank Arok, who is willing to praise his striker, feels that Dez is also the lucky beneficiary of an excellent team.

"He is one of the best strikers I have ever had in my control," said Frank.

"He does the job for which he has a natural gift: scoring goals."

"That is why I brought him while I was coaching in Yugoslavia, and that is the reason I brought him out to St. George," Arok said.

"But he is extremely lucky to have players alongside him and behind him who can feed him the passes upon which he thrives."

"Stone, Barton, Davies, Campbell, Kanacki and so on, all combine with Dez to make the St. George team a complete unit."

"If we miss too many of the parts, then even Dez' great scoring rate would slump," he said.

Frank said the task of bringing Dez out to Australia was a hard one, because of the player's desire to stay with his family and friends.

"He is one of the best strikers in my opinion to have come out of Yugoslavia in the past ten years."

"But he has never received the national and

out to Australia was no easy task but I think he is enjoying himself and I'm confident he'll stay again for next season," he said.

Frank said that although Dez was now 33, he still had the capacity to play for several more years.

"People tend to think of strikers as being those players who burn themselves out quickly and have short careers."

"But Dez plays an economical game."

"If he scores three goals for me I don't want him to be running all over the park chasing like a mad dog," he said.

Dez has been forced to miss several matches because of injury.

But his value to the team and his desire to play has meant that he has gone on in some games with his foot heavily padded—and yet still scored vital goals.

He received the injury in Australia when an over zealous tackler "went over the ball".

It was a lucky thing that he didn't break his foot.

"He got very bad bruising from the injury," Frank said.

"But despite the injury and the sometimes punishing treatment from opposing defences he has played on and come out on top," Frank said.

"But I knew he wanted to go back to Sever and last year he was their captain-coach."

"Getting him to come

international recognition he deserved because of his desire not to leave his home town and his club."

He played for a time in Spartak Subotica in the first and second divisions then returned to Sever once again where he was captain-coach.

Frank said he bought Dez when he was coaching Novisad in the Yugoslav second division.

"He was a good goalscorer and a fine clubman."

"But I knew he wanted to go back to Sever and last year he was their captain-coach."

"Getting him to come



Dez Marton — just 15 more goals to catch Herbert Ninaus...



Nello Borges, one of the three Brazilian stars of Croatia. With their skill and experience, Croatia is running neck to neck with St. George for the title.

North boys show guts

North Sydney caused something of a stir when they sold three of their players to Croatia the same week they were due to meet in the competition.

That would not have been so bad, but then Croatia defeated Norths 6-0 with Tom Steven playing in Croatia's red and white instead of the blue and black of Norths.

Some irate Norths fans contacted "SW" about what they called the worst decision of the club this year.

They felt that the young players in the side were "sold out" when Steven, the new Scottish import, was taken out of the side.

But North Sydney coach Fil Bottalico said he did not regret the decision to sell the three players, including his two sons, Alex and Jim.

Since then, Alex has returned to Norths until the end of the year "on loan" and Jim has been sidelined through injury—otherwise he, too, would probably be in the Norths team.

The one last vestige of "experience" in the line up was Bobby McGinn, brought to the club from Leichhardt as a result of the close ties between the two Italian-backed clubs.

But recently McGinn has been plagued with injuries. The result: Norths have been fielding a team of teenagers, and it has angered some fans.

As one of the fans who contacted us said, it was not because the youngsters are not talented.

"But it is not fair on the boys."

"They can play well, but they don't have the experience to last," he said.

"That was clear in the match against Croatia where they held out so well for the first 45 minutes, but then

collapsed in the second," he said.

Fil Bottalico admits there are troubles within the team.

"But I say that the young players we have are worthy of first team places."

"If I didn't think they could handle it, I wouldn't select them," he said.

Norths showed a lot of courage and determination last week when they beat Riverwood 3-1, despite having Robbie Rettore sent off in the first period.

"We had to fight to win the match, but he also played good soccer."

"The young players held together well," Fil said.

Last year Norths did well, or at least better than most people expected in their first season up.

But they lost Frank Leyden in a transfer deal to Leichhardt and immediately lost their chief playmaker.

"He was a very important player in our team," Fil said.

"We didn't want to lose him, but we couldn't stand in his way of going to the PSL."

"I didn't think we would miss him so much, and I also had hoped that Steven would arrive earlier in Australia," he said.

"In between, we lost too many matches by the odd goal, usually letting points slip away in the dying minutes."

"It is now only recently that we have started to get our rhythm back—and now we have lost Steven."

Fil said the club was not "broke" as some rumours had claimed, but he admitted it was feeling the effects of money worries.

"We are probably in a similar situation to many of our fellow state league clubs," he said.

'Town face danger with calm

Two weeks ago Bankstown officials said they weren't going to concede 'defeat' in the relegation race until the final round, and they still maintain that standpoint.

But as club president Charlie Struck said, the possibility of relegation is growing each week.

"We can't be ostriches and stick our heads in the sand, hoping the problem will go away," Charlie said.

"We know the problems and we know what faces us if we can't get the team firing for the last few weeks," he said.

Bankstown still have to play Parramatta again this year and it is a match that is rapidly becoming the key encounter for Bankstown.

"We'll have a game in hand over Parramatta and we are also banking

on doing well against them," Charlie said.

"As far as I see it, the race is between ourselves and Parramatta."

"I think Auburn will force their way out of trouble."

"That leaves the two of us," he said.

Charlie said they had at last fielded something like their full strength team against Polonia, and had almost snatched a point.

"Our back line was well organised with Greg Lynch and Chris Rootsey in control."

"And it was good to have John Nocera and Greg King in the team."

"We have been stricken with injuries right throughout the season."

"Players have been off and on the injured list so much that I doubt if we ever fielded the same team two weeks running," Charlie said.

He said the team's problem was highlighted last week when Craig Peck—a regular last year—was taken off after only 12 minutes with a leg injury.

"Craig has been in and out of the team this year because of injuries, we just haven't been able to get settled."

One of the hardest questions Bankstown officials will have to answer in the coming weeks is how will the club react if they are relegated.

One club official, who didn't want to be named, said that obviously the club wasn't going to throw up its arms in anguish and just fade away.

"Neither will we just pass it off," he said.

"It is something that we don't want to happen, as we feel that we can best serve soccer in the district by being a part of the State League."

He said the club had started this year to foster a continuance between juniors and seniors, with officials like Jim Giffin and Charlie Struck taking a keen interest in the junior associations of the district.

"It will be a temporary set-back for us if we are relegated."

"All it will do is make it harder for us to get the juniors under our wing," he said.

There are a number of clubs in the areas around Bankstown and he said he felt the 'Town would have to 'fight them' for players.

"But perhaps a year with the pressure off would allow us to re-shape the team, like Kuring-gai seem to be doing, and then come back into the State League with a well organised side and a more thorough kindergarten," he said.

IN BRIEF

Manly's second grade team has now gone 12 games without defeat in a late bid to make the final four play-offs this year.

Channel 0-28 was at Cromer Park last week, filming the Manly-Melita match for this week's program.

Manly's defender Bob Geohegan, who had to be substituted after only six minutes in the game against Melita, has recently become engaged to Jannine Broadway.

St. George coach Frank Arok says both Mark Barton and Billy Griffiths could be back on deck in two weeks.

St. George goalkeeper Don Smith was back in action last week in reserve grade after recovering from an operation on his hand.

Sutherland's third graders were the toast of the club after their 11-1 thrashing of Avala last week, the biggest victory so far this year in any grade of the State League.

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FROM THE PRESS BOX

In the present gloom enveloping our soccer, friends, fans and foes frequently ask the same question: why doesn't the Press demand a big shake-up of our top administration?

Well, it does. I cannot recall another period in our history, with the exception of the unstable Association rule which lasted until 1956, when so many demands would have been made so openly. In fact, never before have such a large slice of the Press directly or indirectly called upon the president to resign and take his lame-duck executive with him.

But, of course, he doesn't — because he doesn't have to. Popular opinion — which is very sharply set against the current ASF top brass — carries little weight in sport.

If the Press takes sides in a parliamentary election, State or Federal, it can usually influence the outcome.

Parliaments are elected by popular ballot: the will of the people, they say.

But sporting administrations, including soccer's, aren't.

The ASF, strictly speaking, is not a democratic organisation at all, only vaguely connected to grassroots and certainly not answerable directly to the public.

The Press can demand the resignation of the ASF executive including Sir Arthur George — but it cannot force him to go.

What people — including some pressmen — forget is the old dictum: every country has the government it deserves.

So this is the one we deserve.

If we cannot find better type administrators at lower levels, nobody should be surprised to see an erratic, self preserving, often geriatric leadership at the top.

It all starts with the clubs, carries through to the States and then the ASF.

There is no direct election to the ASF: its executive members are from the State delegates.

If the State Federations cannot send in first rate delegates, they cannot expect miracles from their representatives.

The secret lies in the States where, without exception (correct me if I am wrong) anybody can stand for election.

It's at that level where soccer should find a more talented, more capable and energetic group of administrators.

So it all comes back to the clubs. They do have the power to change the ASF hierarchy by finding the right men to represent their States who, in turn, go into the ASF.

If the clubs can't or won't do this, they have only themselves to blame.

Predictably, Tommy Docherty has made his "revelations" about Aussie soccer on the pages of a London Sunday newspaper.

If the quotes were correct, Docherty has further sharpened his considerable Tartan wit at our expense, depicting the game here as the aberration of some newly-rich cretins in hicktown.

Like all caricatures, his picture had an element of truth in it.

To visiting soccer "celebrities," we are not exotic, merely provincial.

They come out here "excited about our prospects," lavish praise on our "potential," talk about Aussie soccer being on the "threshold of world recognition," receive exaggerated fees and homage, hog our newspaper columns and TV screens — then return "home" and hit us for six.

It must be irresistibly comical for these overseas stars to see our feeble attempts and "stadiums," to meet our brilliant administrators and watch in action the class of players — many of them expatriates from their own home country — they had never seen back home.

The reality is usually as we are seen by others, not by ourselves.

For too long now we have been trying to believe that soccer is going somewhere in this country, that we are about to "make it."

Some 15 years ago, in moments of undue optimism, we claimed that we were moving up from the bottom of the world's rock bottom where only perhaps New Zealand was lagging behind us.

But what can we claim now?

Certainly not popular support for the game.

The boom years of the early 1960s will not return — unless through some miracle we will have a few teams like Cosmos playing in the superb Giants Stadium in New Jersey.

But that would take some doing.

Can you imagine now a Grand Final between Sydney City (Hakoah) and St. George (Budapest) drawing 26,770 spectators? They did in 1962.

Or can you visualise APIA (now Leichhardt) attracting a total of 164,000 fans to their 22 competition games, for an average of 7,454 per match? They did that in 1963.

Now how about 13 NSW First Division games in one season getting crowds of 10,000 or more and another 17 drawing between 6,000 and 10,000 in the same season? That was in 1962, also.

We've come a long way in 20 years...

Of course, it's not only soccer that's been losing crowds: the same goes for many other sports, too.

And this might have happened anyway regardless of who was the boss of NSW or the ASF, because of our changing society and its entertainment needs.

One really wonders how long we could keep a semi-professional set-up going without the extremely heavy financial contribution of social clubs and sponsorships.

It's almost a paradox but it's also true: the more our crowds shrink and the poorer our standards become, the more cash is flooding into the game.

But for how long? And is that the solution: to play in near-empty stadiums, with rented cardboard cut-out figures on the stands?

Our clubs and federations had better start thinking about a new direction for the game.

This is, basically, not a marketing but organisational problem.

Soccer's structure in Australia is archaic and primitive; its fate is in the hands of a few individuals who probably devote no more than three minutes a day to their "hobby."

The solution — as I said at the beginning — is with the clubs who, on the whole, are blissfully unaware of their own power.

If they tolerate the situation — indeed, contribute to it by having weak or mediocre leadership — the game's stagnation will continue, whether Arthur George resigns or not.

It's up to the clubs — mainly in the PSL — to create such pressures if they want reforms.

— Andrew Dettre

STRIPES FOR STARS?

Westad took the field against Marconi

wearing their new ASF Marketing designed strip — and the Adelaide fans are still agog.

The startling white vertical striped shirts with matching shorts are unlike anything previously seen at Hindmarsh Stadium and Westad drew gasps and assorted giggles from the crowd when they appeared.

"We should have funny little pointed caps and red rubber noses to go with this lot," said Graham Honeyman.

"This is more revolutionary than colored clothing for cricketers," said a spectator.

To say that the new regalia didn't meet with universal approval would be a vast understatement.

But despite the controversy our bet is that Westad will guard the gear as a good luck charm following their win and will continue to wear it home and away.

— A. Crisp

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